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GENERALISSIMO'S CONFIDENCE

Frank Survey Of National Situation

DEFEATS BUT NO COLLAPSE

Nanking, Apr. 9.

His "absolute confidence" in final victory over the Chinese Communists was expressed by Chiang Kai-shek speaking at a special session of the National Assembly this morning.

In the midst of Nationalist military reverses on all fronts and with spiralling inflation, the chief executive, in one of the frankest surveys of the national situation he has made in his long career, told the packed chamber that the Chinese Government was economically sound and militarily superior to the Communists and that all talk of an impending Nationalist collapse was imaginary.

"We have suffered defeats," he said, "but China will not collapse in three or six months as so many foreigners would have us believe."

Amid thunderous applause Chiang emphatically declared that "Nationalist China will not collapse in six months, six years or even sixty years."

He assured the Assembly that the Communists south of the Yellow River would be crushed within six months.

President Chiang said the only crisis afflicting Nationalist China was psychological which he blamed on Communist propaganda and "misconceptions of foreigners".

He asserted that the biggest crisis "is that we are not making a sufficient effort to win the civil war."

Economic Security

Lavish extravagance, especially in Shanghai, should not be tolerated, he said.

"China is absolutely secure economically," the president continued.

Up to the end of March the currency issue which totalled CNC$70,000,000,000,000 did not exceed the value of the nation's monetary reserve.

"The economic foundation is not only not shattered but is even more secure than last year," he said, adding that gold and silver reserves in the Central Bank were valued at US$110,000,000 while China had another US$180,000,000 for foreign exchange, making a total of US$290,000,000 in reserve.

In addition Government assets totalling US$400,000,000 could be used as currency backing.

No Alarm

He went on to say that the Government could now use US$1,000,000,000 as security against the note issue.

Chiang startled the whole chamber by announcing that the latest blackmarket rate for United States dollars was CNC$600,000 (the price in Shanghai today is CNC$630,000) for one.

He attributed the rising prices to Communist propaganda and not to economic reasons.

The Generalissimo said the military situation gave no cause for alarm.

Last September, when Shihchiachuang was captured by the Communists, foreigners predicted a military collapse in three months and a Red victory in six.

Foreign Aid

That claim was even more exaggerated when the situation in Manchuria turned for the worse this year.

"Last March, with the Government's recapture of Yenan, the Red capital, the Nationalists' campaign really started against the Communists.

"The strategy then was to recover main strategic points from the Reds, namely Harbin, Mukden, Chinchow, Kalgan and Chefoo.

"Unless these points were recovered the Communists could continue the rebellion with foreign aid" (Chiang did not mentioned the source).

Reviewing the vastness of the campaign, Chiang said that if the Government wished to garrison the two thousand counties in the country with one regiment each, it would not have troops for defensive operations.

Confident

Defending the recently announced changes in the Government's strategy, Chiang said that without these changes the Government was doomed to defeat as it had insufficient troops for a double role—defending the whole country and carrying out the Communist suppression campaign.

In six months, he claimed, the Communists south of the Yellow River would have no forces bigger than one division.

"I am absolutely confident of victory," he added.

Chiang revealed for the first time that the Nationalists had lost more than seven armies, including the American-trained and equipped New First and Sixth Armies in Manchuria during the past year.

"Six Months"

However, he assured delegates, "Changchun, Mukden and Chinchow will be permanently held and the Government will eventually recover the whole of the north-east."

He said that the loss of Shihchiachuang was the heaviest defeat suffered by the Government in North China.

However, he was confident that General Fu Tso-yi, the North China commander, would protect the whole of North China.

Concluding the military review, Chiang assured the assembly that the Nationalists would exterminate the Communists in the whole of Central China within six months.—Reuter-AAP.

GHOST MADE HIM CONFESS

Tokyo, Apr. 9.

A 22-year-old Japanese today confessed to murder because the ghost of his victim haunted him nightly.

Hajime Inouye, who gave his address as Osaka, surrendered himself to the police and solved the mysterious slaying of an 84-year-old man in a rest room in a suburban Tokyo area on March 25.

Inouye said he became acquainted with the man and slew him to get his overcoat.

"The man's ghost has been haunting me every night and I decided to give myself up because I cannot stand it any longer."—United Press.

BIG HAUL ON DUTCH STEAMER

Revenue Officers made a big haul on board the Dutch steamer "Tjisadane," of the Royal Interocean Lines, when the vessel arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Macassar and Java ports.

A total of 720 taels of gold were seized, valued at $237,600. It was the first seizure made on a ship from the East Indies.

Three men have been detained in connection with the seizure, the "China Mail" understands. One is believed to be a member of the Chinese crew.

The gold was uncovered in the course of a routine search by Revenue Officers.

One man was found to have 420 taels hidden in a large tin of coffee. The gold was in the form of bars, coins and heavy plain wedding-rings.

Two other men were found with 180 and 120 taels, respectively, in their possession.

GEN. CARPENTER DEAD

Sydney, Apr. 9.

George Lyndon Carpenter, aged 77, retired Salvation Army general, died today after an operation.

General Carpenter succeeded General Evangeline Booth as head of the Salvation Army in 1939 and served until 1946.

A native of New South Wales, he joined the Salvation Army in Melbourne as a cadet in 1892. His wife, also a Salvationist, was at his deathbed.—Associated Press.

NEW AGREEMENT

London, Apr. 8.

The British Treasury announced tonight the conclusion of an agreement with the Netherlands which will end double payments of income and profits taxes and death duties for nationals of either country residing in the other.—Associated Press.

Anderson Praises And Blames

London, Apr. 8.

Sir John Anderson, wartime Chancellor of the Exchequer, today criticised Sir Stafford Cripps' imposition of a special levy on investment income as a "sop to his supporters who were disappointed that he had not produced what they call a real capital levy."

Opening the third of the five-days debate on the Budget and the economic situation, Sir John said that wiht the surtax—a special tax on high incomes—at its present level, a capital levy would not compensate for the loss of surtax revenue year by year.

Sir John said that while disagreeing in detail with certain of the Budget proposals, he "most heartily welcomed" the "honest and realistic" approach which the Chancellor had made to the country's problems. But prompt and decisive action should have been taken long ago. For two and a half years, the Government had failed abjectly.

It had gone "slopping along, refusing to look the facts in the face in a Micawber-like attitude, hoping for something favourable to turn up which might enable them to dispense with the necessity of some distasteful action. That was very largely the explanation of the nation's present plight."—Reuter.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

A Narrow Escape

King Paul of Greece, who had a narrow escape Thursday from saboteurs. A security train ahead of the Royal train was wrecked. Picture shows the King with one of his daughters.

Doctors Now Expected To Compromise

London, Apr. 8.

Britain's doctors will vote a second time on whether to join the new nationwide health service, following concessions by the government.

The Council of the British Medical Association announced today that it would confer with the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan then submit his new proposals to a vote of the doctors.

In the previous plebiscite, the doctors voted overwhelmingly against the new state service, largely because of its provisions to pay them a basic salary. The BMA said it feared the salary would lead to the doctors becoming civil servants, under government domination.

Mr. Bevan on Wednesday announced that the Health Service law would be altered to let the doctors take the salary and small fees for each State patient, or drop the salary and take slightly larger fees, as they wished.

He also said he would sponsor an amendment guaranteeing that no fully salaried medical service would be started without passage of a new law through Parliament.

The BMA Council officially welcomed this statement which may lead to settlement of the deadlock before the State Service is scheduled to begin on July 5.—Associated Press.

Stop The Drift To War--Evatt

Canberra, Apr. 8.

A resumption of the wartime meetings of the British, American and Soviet leaders, to "stop the drift to war in the interests of the peoples of the world" was today called for by Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs.

Referring to the position of Japan in the Far East, Dr. Evatt told the Australian House of Representatives: "It would be unwise for Japan's industrial strength to be restored. It would be a bad day for Australia if Japan were given the capacity to re-arm, whatever promise the Japanese made or are ready to give.

"It is right that Japan should become a workshop. It is completely wrong for Japan to be converted into an arsenal capable of being used in the South Pacific to the detriment of Australia."

The Australian people would not be ready for the rebuilding of Japan, he said.

"There is no security for Australia against a repetition of what took place in 1942 unless the principles of the Potsdam Agreement are carried out and Japan's capacity to wage war is destroyed."—Reuter.

CATHOLICS AND COMMUNISM

London, Apr. 8.

The Roman Catholic Church of England and Wales today urged Catholic workers to combat Communism by taking an active part in trade unions.

Outlining a programme for meeting the "challenge" of Communism, the statement said: "That challenge is whether we are for God or against God. No Catholic can be a Communist, nor a Communist a Catholic."—Reuter.

Freak Action Follows Election

London, Apr. 9.

A man in prison for acts likely to help Nazi Germany during the war is trying to unseat a recently elected Conservative Member of Parliament, Mr. Frederick Harris.

He claims that he was illegally prevented from opposing Mr. Harris at the North Croydon bye-election last month.

The prisoner is Henry William Wicks, who, at his trial in 1940, was alleged to have worked for the German Radio. He lodged a petition in the High Court, asking that the bye-election be annulled.

Wicks claims he was a candidate, but that his nomination was "stopped by reason of a criminal conspiracy, such as would, under the common law of Parliament, render the election void."

It was understood that to continue the action, Wicks would have to find a surety of £1,000.

Mr. Harris is nominal respondent to the petition as a candidate returned by the bye-election. He has instructed solicitors to watch his interests in the matter.

Mr. Harris told a reporter today he had received a letter from Wicks claiming he had sent a nomination paper to the Town Clerk before the North Croydon contest. "I am told that no such nomination, or any communication of any kind from Wicks, was ever received by the Town Clerk," Mr. Harris said.—Reuter.

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EXCHANGE OF INSULTS

Russian Tirade In Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 9.

Colonel Benson, British deputy commandant in Berlin, today threw back at the Russians who had made charges of the Western looting of the city a figure-crammed documentation of Soviet plunder here.

In what an American official described as a "record-breaking 12-hour rat race," Benson and Col. Alexander Yelisarov, Russian representative traded insults.

As soon as Benson finished his formal statement countering the Soviet charges of looting by the Western Powers, Yelisarov launched what an American witness called the "cheapest form of tirade I ever heard in my life."

Benson dismissed the Russian 20-minute blast with "your comments are so disgusting as to be beneath notice," according to an American observer of the scene. The American representative, William Babcock, said he endorsed Benson's views completely.

Yelisarov had complained of the British being "unfair" in presenting charges of Russian pillage in the early days of occupation.

"Liberators"

In answer to the British claims that the Soviets stripped Berlin of certain machinery, the Russian colonel asked, "Why didn't the British Army get here first if they wanted to preserve those things?"

Contrasting with military machines, Yelisarov christened his own army the "Liberator of Europe."

Both Babcock and Benson asked Yelisarov to produce proof, mentioned by the Russians at the last deputies' meeting on April 2, of mass Western looting here. The Soviet officer replied, "I have nothing more to say" as the marathon meeting ended.

Rejected With Contempt

In exchange for short-tempered accusations, Yelisarov told Benson that the "British should remind themselves how they looked on while Hitler looted the Don Basin. The British ruling circles and monopolists gave Hitler arms to wage war and afterwards looked on as this machine was swung against the Soviet Union."

Benson answered, "I am second to none in recognizing the gallantry of the Red Army, but I reject, with the contempt that it deserves, Colonel Yelisarov's allegations against the British."—United Press.

Air Line To Macao Starts

Hong Kong's first postwar air service with Macao was officially inaugurated yesterday when a Cathay Pacific plane left the Colony at 4 p.m. with 21 passengers including a number of journalists.

The service is operated by the Macao Air Transport Co., Ltd., in conjunction with the Cathay Pacific Airways, Co., Ltd. There will be four scheduled return flights weekly — Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

Yesterday's inaugural flight was undertaken by Captain V. Hunt, assisted by Chief Officer C. Enther and Flight Engineer L. Cabot. An Air Stewardess, Miss T. Marques, and Mr. R. L. Frost, Manager of Cathay Pacific Airways, accompanied the passengers there and back.

Among the passengers were six Chinese newspapermen, an Indian merchant, Mr. P. D. Bebarmani, and a Burman, U Ba Maung.

Out To Beat World Flight Record

London, Apr. 8.

Flying a second-hand machine sold by the Royal Air Force, the New Zealand pilot, Captain Arthur Albury Mansfield, 28, is to make a first officially-timed around-the-world flight following a route laid down by the Federation Aeronautique International. Previous attempts were not recognised as they were not on the recognised route.

Captain Mansfield will take off next Thursday from Blackbushe Airfield in a light Percival Proctor three-seater, in which he hopes to make the 25,328-miles trip in nine and a half days.

During the flight, an attempt will also made on four official point-to-point records — London to Montreal, London to New York, Tokyo to Paris, and Karachi to London.

The flight, timed by official observers throughout the world, will be via Iceland, Canada, the United States, Aleutians, Japan, China, Siam and India, over the Mediterranean, and via Paris to Britain.

The plane was named "The Windmill Girl" by Jill Anstey, of the Windmill Theatre, London, this afternoon.—Reuter.

New Cripps Control

London, Apr. 8.

Britain is to reduce from £5,000 to £1,000, the maximum amount an emigrant going outside the sterling area may have transferred to him abroad.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the reduction, which would save from £3,000,000 to £4,000,000 worth of dollars, would not apply to emigants already overseas or to intending emgrants who had already lodged a formal application with their bankers.

The money would be payable now in four equal annual instalments and the reduction would start from today.

After a probationary period of four years, the emigrant would continue, as now, to be re-designated as a non-resident and would be able to have his full income transferred.—Reuter.

HOW GROW THE GREEK GUERILLAS

Athens, Apr. 8.

A Greek official statement issued tonight said the Greek guerilla forces were now estimated to be 30,000 strong against 12,000 last year, and their arms were also more efficient than last year.

The statement said that since last spring, 1948 guerillas had been killed and 4,568 had been captured, and 5,668 had surrendered.—Reuter.

FIRE ON SHIP

Shortly after 10.20 a.m. yesterday, a fire broke out in the engine room of the "New Holland" in Taikoo Dockyard. Three fire engines were despatched to the scene, and the fire, which was confined to a drum of chemical solution, was extinguished within 20 minutes. No serious damage was caused.

Shanghai Magazines Closed

Shanghai, Apr. 9.

The City Government yesterday closed down three magazines "Kuo Hsin Weekly," "World Knowledge" and "Time and Literature", according to the "Ta Kung Pao."

These publications were ordered to be suspended in a directive received by the City Government from the Minister of the Interior.

The reasons stated in the order are that these publications recently published articles which are regarded as "disadvantageous" to the Government and being pure propaganda for the Communists.

In the cases of the "World Knowledge" and "Time and Literature," the order also pointed out that the former frequently published articles attacking the United States in an attempt to disturb friendly relations between China and America, and the latter often criticised national governments.—Reuter.

GOLD RUMOUR DENIED

Shanghai, Apr. 9.

The Financial Control Board today spiked reports that free transactions in gold bars would be permitted shortly.

At the same time the Board said it was not authorised to issue licences to gold dealers who in recent days have been besieging the Board for permits as the result of rumours in the financial section of the city.

The rumours were also responsible for the rise in black market quotations for gold.—United Press.

Dewey Wants U.S. Of Europe

Lincoln, Nebraska, Apr. 8.

A United States of Europe as the strong third power, devoted to the cause of peace, was called for here tonight by Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York seeking nomination as the Republican candidate in the November Presidential elections.

Speaking in a three-day campaign to win support for his nomination in the State's primary election next week, he declared: "There are now only two great powers in the world—the United States and Communist Russia.

"We confront each other across a devastated and divided Europe.

"What is needed is a third great peaceful power which will also be so strong that no despotic ruler of a totalitarian nation will think the cause of freedom so weak that he dares to wage war.

"European unity should be a major objective of our American foreign policy".—Reuter.

Free Vote On Death Penalty

London, Apr. 8.

The Government will vote in Parliament next week against a five-year experimental abolition of the death penalty in Britain, but it will permit a free vote of the House so that its rank and file supporters can act according to the dictates of their consciences.

About 150 Members, most of them Labour, have put their names to an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, urging that during a period of five years, no person be sentenced to death for murder. Sentences of imprisonment for life would be substituted.

The Government is not unalterably opposed to the abolition of the death penalty in Britain, but is understood to feel that, so soon after the war, when lawlessness is at a higher peak than normal, it would be an injudicious step, even if only experimental.—Reuter.

MINE OUTPUT

Manila, Apr. 9.

Mindanao Mother Lode Mines Inc today announced March production of gold and silver concentrates at its mine from 5,100 tons of ore was 212,000 Pesos, down 34,000 Pesos from February because of the four day Easter holiday.

April tonnage is expected by company officials to reach 350,000 Pesos from 7,500 tons of ore.—Associated Press.

Churchill Demands Protection

London, Apr. 9.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Opposition, today pressed the Labour Government to take measures to safeguard British soldiers from terrorists in Palestine.

Amid cries of "Shame," the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones had given the House of Commons details of the murder of six British soldiers in Palestine on Tuesday—"a cold-blooded murder for own sake and nothing else."

Mr. Churchill asked about the "unpreparedness of the camp."

He said: "It does seem they were taken completely by surprise. This vile and treacherous outrage was conducted with the utmost efficiency, and our poor men, who were looking forward to coming back to their families in this country, were cut off and shot down without being able to inflict one single casualty on the assailants.

"We ought to take measures to look after our own soldiers."

Mr. Creech Jones said that the powers invested in the military authorities were declared to be completely adequate. "Our soldiers are being withdrawn from these parts and one last bar-barity makes the task even more urgent."—Reuter.

The Weather

A shallow low pressure area covers N. Siam and the Gulf of Tonkin, and a depression in the Yellow Sea is moving E. A weak trough across S.E. China is moving slowly S.E. followed by a moderate anticyclone centred over Shanai. A feeble ridge extends from Formosa to W. of Borneo.

Today's forecast:—Moderate E. or S.E. winds. Cloudy with light rain or drizzle at first, misty.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 73.1 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 70 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 0.8 hours.
Rainfall: 4.1 mm. (0.16 ins. Total since Jan. 1—448.9 mm. (17.68 ins. as against an average of 123 mm. (4.84 ins.
Barometer at 1 a.m. 1018.2 m.b.
Barometer at 4 p.m. 1017.0 m.b.
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Tenancy Case Appeal: Surprise Move

"It is only fair to the respondents to make it clear to the public that their attitude throughout has been desirous of assisting the appellants as far as they fairly could and consistent with their rights to develop this property."

These remarks were made yesterday by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., when an appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), in respect of Nos. 657, 659 and 661 Nathan Road, Kowloon, was abandoned before a Full Court comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge).

The appellants, Po Fong Studio, Luk Shun-wo and Kam Yan-mee, were represented by Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. F.I. Zimmern of Messrs. F. Zimmern & Co., appeared for the respondents, Henry G. Leong Estates Ltd.

Mr. Loseby said that the subject matter of the appeal was substantially set out in the Notice of Appeal. It was an appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Gould that he respondents recover, against the appellants, possession of 657, 659 and 661 Nathan Road, with mesne profits.

The grounds of the appeal were (1) that the judge had no jurisdiction to make the order; (2) that the exemption order granted by Governor-in-Council on Sept. 2, 1947, upon which the judge relied, was bad upon the face of it, and (3) that the judge was wrong in law in holding that at the date of the said order, the Governor-in-Council had authority or jurisdiction to make the exemption order relied upon.

An Apology

Mr. Loseby then proceeded to deal with the different steps which had been taken in the matter and said that on April. 1, Mr. Silva wrote to Mr. Zimmern asking if respondents would agree to withhold enforcing execution pending hearing of the appeal. In reply, Mr. Zimmern wrote on Apr. 6, stating that unless all mesne profits due and payable by the appellants were paid by 2 p.m. the following day, execution would be issued without further notice. There was, said Mr. Loseby, a clear implication in the reply that if all mesne profits were paid, execution would be withheld.

On Apr. 7, Mr. Silva sent to Mr. Zimmern a cheque for $3,645 covering the mesne profits. Later on the same day, Mr. Zimmern wrote back, acknowledging receipt of the cheque and adding that as appellants were still in possession, he had been instructed to issue execution by 2 p.m. the following day.

The full effect of this letter was explained to the appellants and they decided that under the circumstances there was nothing they could hope to achieve. They therefore instructed Mr. Silva to abandon the appeal. In conclusion, Mr. Loseby tendered an apology to the Court on behalf of Mr. Silva for not having informed the Court of the matter earlier.

Fair Offer

Replying, Mr. Potter said that while he naturally did not oppose the dismissal of the appeal with costs, he would like to comment on the implication which had been made by Mr. Loseby, which suggested harsh dealing or impropriety on the part of the respondents.

The history of the case showed throughout that respondents were willing, as far as they could fairly do so, to assist the appellants in every way. As far back as Jan. 1947, the respondents had made an offer, as fair as any which could be made to the appellants, and that was they would get premises in the new building, when completed, if they would go out at once. To this, appellants replied that they would get out at once if a tenancy agreement at the same rate of rent as prewar were entered into. The respondents were not prepared to do this because they did not know what rent could be fixed in respect of the new building, but they were willing to let the appellants have the premises if they chose to vacate at once. There was no case which had come before the Court in which the landlord had acted with more scrupulous fairness.

Respondents could have issued execution any time after the motion for leave to appeal to the Privy Council was dismissed. Instead, the appellants were given further time and this showed that the respondents were willing and trying to help them in whatever way they could. When the respondents obtained the exemption order from the Governor-in-Council which entitled them to treat the appellants as trespassers, they could have put their goods in the streets, but instead of doing that, they gave them a further five weeks to remove.

Mr. Loseby said that all this would have been dealt with if the appeal had not been abandoned. "My friend has got his costs and I hope he is satisfied," concluded Mr. Loseby.

The Court then made the usual order dismissing the appeal with costs to the respondents.

Misfits As Result Of War

Adolescent misfits, direct children of war conditions, formed the subject of a talk by Major E. A. Opie, Army Education Officer, at Kowloon Rotary Club yesterday.

These unfortunates, victims of lack of security during their formative years, now suffer from five salient weaknesses—lack of power of concentration and purpose, lack of personal effort and method, and pride in personal appearance.

Dwelling on various aspects of the problem Major Opie said the onus was on society to treat these misfits with tolerance. They should not be given long hours of work except by gradual stages, and should be trained in methodical approach to work given them. Only by a sympathetic approach to the subject by the public could these unfortunates hope to find a cure for their shortcomings.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian Grimsdale.

President F. C. Clemo welcomed to the meeting Visiting Rotarians C.T. Wang, H.A. Lammert, F.Y. Ho and Hugh Bragg, and the following guests:— Capt. A.J. Luff and Messrs. J. Barrow, W.J. Moore W.E. Simpson, and Capt. Wood.

Charged Too Much

Summoned for overcharging in selling a 20-oz tin of Allen & Hanbury Pastilles, the Eurasian Medicine Co., Des Voeux Road, Central, was fined $150 by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Marcus da Silva represented defendant, while Mr. J. H. Pitman prosecuted.

Defendant was charged for selling a tin at $1.60 when the gazetted price is $1.25.

Mr. da Silva declared that his client was a member of the Medicine Dealers Guild, which distributes regularly circulars notifying price changes to members.

On that occasion, Mr. da Silva stated, his client did not receive a circular with the price change.

Playwright Wins His Case

Damages to the extent of $400 and costs, were awarded yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to Fung Chi-fun, playwright and sang-writer, in respect of his claim against The World Theatre for infringement of his copyright in the dramatic work "Chai Kiu Long Kang Kiu."

Fung originally claimed $1,000 damages or, alternatively, an account of profits, from the World Theatre for alleged infringement of his copyright in two dramatic works "Ho Chu See Nung Ka" and "Chai Kiu Long Kang Kiu." On Mar. 19, Mr. Justice Williams decided against Fung in regard to his claim in respect of "Ho Chu See Nung Ka" and gave judgment in favour of the World Theatre with costs.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for Fung, while the World Theatre was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

When hearing was resumed yesterday, Mr. Loseby asked leave to call the plaintiff to confirm certain instructions which he had given his solicitors. If plaintiff did this, then the only question for decision by the Court was the amount of damages to be awarded in respect of "Chai Kiu Long Kang Kiu."

Fung, who then entered the witnes box, said that he was the author of the dramatic work "Chai Kiu Long Kang Kiu." The original work was written by him. The title was also his own work. He knew Sit Kok-sin, to whom he had sold the dramatic rights. Fung said that he later heard that a film, bearing the same title, was being shown at the defendant Theatre. He had received nothing from Sit Kok-sin.

Mr. Loseby then intimated to the Court that he accepted the testimony of the plaintiff.

In answer to Mr. Justice Williams, Fung said he would have been prepared to sell the rights in the said work for $500.

Mr. Justice Williams then entered judgment for Fung in the sum of $400 and costs.

FLAG DAYS

Applications from charitable organisations or institutions for permission to hold flag days or flower days during the year 1949 should be submitted to the Commissioner of Police or the Secretary for Chinese Affairs before 1st August, 1948. No further applications in respect of the year 1948 can be entertained.

Not more than one flag day or flower day is to be permitted in each month.

CAUTIONED

At a meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association last night, Burns of Innisklillings and Tam Chung-fai, of Kitchee, who were sent off the field of play last week, were severely cautioned.

Reminders

Today

"Arms and the Man" presented by University Arts Association, at Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, 3.30 p.m.

Graduation of nurses at Tung Wah Hospital, Po Yan St., 2.30 p.m.

Kai Tak A.D.C. presents "The Case of the Frightened Lady," Station Theatre, 8 p.m.

Metal Industries of China Ltd., annual meeting, Electra House, Connaught Road, Central, 11.45 a.m.

Dedication Ceremony of Blind & Deaf School building, Diamond Hill, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

Memorial Service for late Harman Liu, Cafe de Chine, China Building, 7 p.m.

Highland Dancing Club, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Re-opening Dance of Harcourt Officers Club, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club dance, 9 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Classical Recorded Musical Concert, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.

MONDAY

Meeting of Australians & New Zealanders to discuss arrangements for Anzac Day (April 25), at Cosmo Club, 37b, Connaught Road, Central, 8.30 p.m.

Fish Bribery Case: Witness' Story

On several occasions he received telephone calls advising him to warn the fish loans of forthcoming raids by the Fishery Department and to tell them to prepare to escape, Chan Chung-hop, former secretary of the "Hop Yik Tong," told the Court in his testimony against four Chinese Fishery Inspectors, who appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with conspiring together and with others to permit the unlawful sale of marine fish.

The caller never identified himself, Chan, who is at present secretary of the Fresh Fish Dealers Association, said in his evidence in chief. But, he added, he recognised the voice to be that of Chan Kun-kau, first defendant.

The inspectors accused are Chan Kun-kau, 32, Kwok Muk-hoi, 39, Lee Kai-wan, 24, and Tso Wai-hin, 25. Chan is represented by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, while the other three are defended by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Witness said that he would pass round the information to all the loans and the following day would see raids sometimes carried out by inspectors of the Fishery Department, accompanied by the police.

Mr. F. F. W. Shaftain, Senior Police Superintendent, prosecuting, produced a book in Chinese, which witness identified as the accounts book, in which payments of bribes were entered under disguised names.

Witness, who said that his duties with the "Hop Yik Tong" included looking after books and documents, declared that he had also to collect money from the blackmarket fish loans to bribe the Fishery Inspectors so that the organisations could carry on.

When payments were made to the first defendant, he was instructed to record the receiver as one "Kau Lee or Kau Ki".

On Vacant Ground

So Wong-shum, foki of Lo Tai, residing at No. 5, Queen Victoria Street, second floor, said that the fish was landed at Stone Pier and the Cheung Chau Vehicular Ferry Wharf. The fish was put down on a vacant ground near the wharves and then would be carried away for sale in Central Market.

Witness said he had seen the defendants near the wharves. Fish arrived at Stone Pier sometimes during the day and sometimes during the night. On its arrival, the boatmen would tell them to land the fish.

The inspectors sometimes took a small quantity, sometimes half and very seldom very nearly all, of the fish landed, he said. The fish was sometimes seized by two of the defendants, and sometimes by the other two.

When the inspectors wanted to seize their fish, witness said he would ask that they leave half behind for the dealers to sell.

His master had many visitors, including fishermen and Chan Kun-kau, whom he said, under cross-examination of defence counsel, had some money paid to him (Chan Kun-kau) by his master.

That occurred in the "teng", he said, but he could not remember when it happened, saying that it was not business.

"Not True"

Witness told defence counsel that he had no other method of evading the authorities. The fish was not hidden in the ferry when it arrived. Neither was it hidden below the ferry nor in the lavatory.

It was his duty to land the fish and carry it to the Central Market. His master seldom went down to the wharves.

Witness said he saw the first defendant once in every four or five days, but he saw him when he went up stairs to see his master.

Told by defence counsel that his reluctance to refer to defendant receiving money was because he had been told by somebody not to mention the incident, witness emphatically denied it. "No, it is not true," he affirmed.

During yesterday's examination of the witnesses there was much fumbling over the language difficulty, which caused Mr. Shaftain to remark: "That is a credit for the police, for not schooling their witnesses."

One witness told the Court that he could not understand the trend of the proceedings.

Another foki working with the last witness said he worked for a year attending to fish for sale at Central Market. He usually saw the defendants at the wharves.

If there were 10 tubs six would be taken to Central Market, and four to the Government Market. When the inspectors wanted to seize all, they would ask the inspectors to leave some behind for them to sell in the blackmarket.

He said he saw Chan Kun-kau and the second defendant eight to 10 times a month. During his period with the shop he experienced only about three seizures. The amount seized at the Vehicular Wharf was the same as that at the Stone Pier.

He said he had seen his master paying money to first defendant, but added he did not know the reason.

Hearing was adjourned to Monday morning. Mr. Clifford is sitting as Magistrate.

Personalia

Sir Robert Ho Tng, who went to America last November for eye treatment and a vacation, is scheduled to return today by Pan-American Clipper.

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Passengers who left yesterday for Bangkok by Pan American Clipper were: Messrs. Edward Aitken Brodie, James A. Harvie, Shik Chiu-kwok, Walter Reethof, Siegfried Roy, Mrs. Alexa Roy and Mr. Chien Ting-tseng.

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Arrivals by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat from Southampton were Miss J. B. M. Edwards, Messrs A. D. Bennett, M. J. Heywood, F. G. Hayes, R. C. Hugill, S. S. Cornish, Mesdames F. Flynn, B. M. Franklin and C. H. Mauarhofer. Aboard the same aircraft were P. G. G. Salkeld, N. S. M. Nair, G. Gigante and Renato Spera (from Rangoon).

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Arrivals by BOAC flying-boat from Bangkok and Singapore are Messrs Redden, Lee Ching-fei, R. T North, Lee Heng-thian, Kau Ling-ai, Pollock, Run, M. B. Shaw, Meyer, W. A. Conrad and F. S. Coote, Mesdames Chu Lan-ying, Chu Nign-wa, Meyer and Pollock, and Miss Chu Kok-heng.

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The wedding of Mr. Paul Walter Calderarn, merchant, 62 MacDonnell Road, to Miss Patricia Beatrice Hopkins, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. W. M. Chalmers and H. A. Keller.

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Lieutenant - Colonel Suster, Czechoslovak Military Attache at the Czechoslovak Embassy in Nanking, passed through Hong Kong yesterday en route to Europe.

During the war, Lt.-Col. Suster served with the British Army. He was parachuted into Czechoslovakia on eight different occasions on various intelligence missions on behalf of the Allies. He is also credited with 19 escapes from German detention camps.

CHEUNG CHAU RAID

Inspector G. Fryer raided 50 Tai Sun Street, ground floor, Cheung Chau Island, on April 8 and seized four opium pipes, four lamps and ten small pots of opium.

Seven men, including the alleged keeper Wong Yau (35), were arrested and, after being charged, were allowed out on bail of $100 for Wong and $20 each for the smokers.

The bail was ordered by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to be estreated as none of the accused appeared in Court.

Newly-Wed Tried To Hide Gold

Lau Mai-lam (20) who, according to her own statement in Court, was married only a few days ago, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with attempting to export three ounces of gold at Kai Tak Airport on April 8.

She told the Court that she was married only a few days ago and was returning to Taiwan with her husband who was employed there. The gold was her savings.

The gold, valued at $765 was ordered to be confiscated, the Magistrate stating that he had no option but to enforce the law.

According to Revenue Officer D. H. Knox, defendant was about to embark on the CATC plane leaving for Taiwan when she was asked by Female Searcher 95 whether she had anything, including gold, to declare.

Defendant replied in the negative and her handbag was searched. When asked what was inside a round tin in the handbag, accused said, "Nothing." The gold was found inside the tin.

STOLE FROM WHITEAWAY'S

Six months' hard labour was imposed on 32-year-old Li Tsang, from Singapore, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada on a charge of larceny of eight pairs of socks from Whiteaway Laidlaw's.

Mr. E. de F. Stevenson, giving evidence, said defendant was pointed out to him by an Indian Watchman. Accused was behind the fittings and, when he was searched, the socks were found stuffed inside his shirt.

On hearing the sentence, defendant muttered "I am finished, I will die."

E.U. CONSTABLE IN COURT

Sheik Omar Rahman (29), E.U. PC 3394, was acquitted by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of indecently assaulting Wong Sp, married woman, at 603 Nathan Road, on April 4.

He was convicted on the alternative charge of indecent exposure and fined $60.

TYPHOONS

The Debating and Discussion Group of the European Y.M.C.A. have an interesting talk planned for Wednesday.

The subject is "Typhoons" and is to be given by Mr. L. Starbuck, of the Royal Observatory, H.K.

All are welcome to this talk, which will be at 8.30 p.m.

TO BE WED

The forthcoming wedding of John Richard Jones, Master Mariner, Standard Oil Co., to Kinva Pitman, 6 Bowen Road, has been announced.

EUROPEANS GET GAOL TERMS

"I am very sorry that persons like you have committed so serious an offence as to steal from your employers. Your welfare officer, Mr. Webb, has given you both good characters and asked for leniency on your behalf but this cannot be dealt with leniently.

"You must both go to prison for nine months with hard labour," said Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday when two naval dockyard workers, Frederick Henry Bullock, 47, of Plymouth, and Henry Eneas, 48, of Portsmouth, both appeared on a charge of larceny by servant of 75 pounds of tin and 1,378½ pounds of copper from the Naval Dockyard on April 8 and aiding and abetting the larceny by servant, respectively.

Both defendants pleaded "Guilty."

Inspector D. G. MacPherson, prosecuting, said first defendant was chargeman at the foundry and the second defendant was in charge of naval transport.

On April 8 at about 12.15 p.m. first defandant loaded the metal on a lorry which was driven by second defendant.

They took the lorry to 5, Mallory Street, Wanchai and were unloading it when the police came on the scene.

Mr. Webb, Welfare Officer from the Naval Dockyard, said they were both trusted and held very responsible positions. Bullock had a wife and son at home in England and Eneas had a wife and two children.

Bothing defendants had nothing to say.

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Gardener's Denial Of Bus Trip

"That I went with my friend Mo Yung-hing for a walk is correct. That I went by bus to Kowloon City is untrue." This was added on by Li Chung-chun alias Li Chik-sang (32), gardener, to the Caution Form and his statement which he was asked to sign after he had given evidence, on his own behalf, before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Li appeared before the Magistrate with Lau Hoi alias Lau Yun-hoi (20), unemployed, and Ho Cheuk-kui (26), unemployed, on the charge of the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood at a path leading to Lion's Rock on Feb. 11. He was further charged with the armed robbery of George Ronald Ross and Wood on that day.

Li's endorsement on the two forms referred to two statements which he was alleged to have made voluntarily at the Kowloon City Police Station. In the first, on March 6, he claimed that he was with his friend Mo Yung-hing at the material time; while in the second he was alleged to have stated that he went with several others by bus to Kowloon City and then to Lion Rock Hill.

"I am putting down what you said to the first defendant," said Mr. Blair-Kerr to Ho when told by the Court Interpreter that Ho had advised Lau not to sign the deposition and Caution Form. Ho was alleged to have said, "Don't sign".

Second accused, Ho, at first elected to make a statement from the dock but, when asked to sign the Caution Form, refused to do so and said that he would not say anything.

After defendants had been committed for trial, Det. Sub-Inspector Matches said that he had been instructed to prefer a fresh charge of armed robbery against Lau and Ho, and to ask for a week's formal remand.

Woman's Story

The new count accused first two defendants of having committed an armed robbery, with others not in custody, at an unnumbered hut at Pa Tong, Kowloon, while armed with a revolver, a hand-grenade, a chopper and a sickle.

The first witness called yesterday was Kong Yau, a female worker at the Sang Lee Yuen vegetable garden, who testified that she was working in the garden the whole day in Feb. 11, and that after supper in Kong Ming's hut she went back to her own hut at 8 p.m.

She did not see either the first or second accused the whole day, she said, and neither of them went to her hut for a smoke or sing-song.

She had only seen the third defendant on two occasions at the garden, the last being at the end of last lunar year. On both occasions he was looking for the first two accused.

Cross-examined by the third defendant, witness admitted that he might have been looking for Yeung Koon-ching. "It was so long ago that I cannot remember."

Kong Ming, co-owner of the Sang Lee Yuen garden, declared that first accused was working in the garden about three months ago. He and Ho were then permitted to live in the watchman's hut. He did not see either defendants in the garden on Feb. 11, and saw the third accused in the place about three or four months ago. They were in the first two defendant's hut but witness could not say whether he was talking to anybody as "it was so long ago."

Police Accused

After Yeung Kwan had corroborated the evidence of the previous witness, the Magistrate asked where his brother, Yeung Koon-ching, was. Witness said that he did not know and that Koon-ching had never worked in the garden.

Div.-Superintendent Charles Mottram testified that at the identification Parade held at Kowloon City Police Station on Feb. 25, Mr. G.R. Ross was unable to identify anybody after he had walked between the lines of 21 persons for between five and ten minutes.

In the witness box, first defendant reiterated his allegations of having been beaten until he fainted. When he was revived, he said, Det.-Sgt. Tam Chung gave him a cup of hot tea, told him that the matter had nothing to do with him, and asked him to sign a prepared statement.

He was later taken out by Det.-Sgt. Tam to Shanghai Street and asked to pick out the shop where the watches were alleged to have been sold by Cho Kat. When he was unable to do so, said defendant, he was taken back to the Kowloon City Police Station, brought to an upper room, and told by a detective that "if you fail to point out a shop I will kill you by electricity."

Next day, alleged defendant, Det.-Sgt. Tam asked him to swear before the "Kwan Tai" god. Then "they are very clever and gave me some medicine pills."

In reply to DSI Matches, Lau said that he did not know where the detective got the information to write down as his statement. He never said what was alleged against him but was forced to sign the statement as correct after he had been beaten up.

Watched Game

He did not know who Cho Kat was but he knew Yeung Koon-ching who often visited the Lee Sang Yuen garden.

In reply to another question, defendant said that he learned about the robbery and murder from the detectives during the times they assaulted him.

To the Magistrate, defendant said that he left with second defendant before sunrise to buy vegetables to sell at Yaumati. They had a meal at a cooked-food stall there, after which Lau went for a walk while he watched a mah-jongg game.

If the second accused had said in his statement that he was with him and Cho Kat on Feb. 11 that statement would be entirely untrue. Lau's statement, asserted defendant, was made up by the Police. He knew it was so because they (the Police) furnished him with a copy.

Li Chung-chun, giving evidence, repeated what he said in his statement of March 6 about being with Mo Yung-hing on the afternoon of the murder and returning to 377 The Peak before 6 p.m. where he saw his lady-employer playing a ball game out on the lawn.

In reply to the Magistrate, defendant said, "The statement I made on March 9 was on the instructions of Det.-Sgt. Tam Chung. It was read over to me in the presence of DSI Matches who asked me whether it was correct. I had to say it was correct as otherwise I would be beaten again by Tam Chung.

"Untrue"

"Only the Inspector, an interpreter and myself were in the room at the time. The caution was neither read over nor explained to me. I did tell the Inspector, at the end of the statement, that what I said was untrue."

In reply to DSI Matches, defendant said it was untrue that he made the new statement (implicating himself) after the visit of Kong Yau, Kong Ming, Yeung Kwan, Li Tong and Mo Yung-hing, to the Kowloon City Police Station.

He claimed that he did not know either of the accused nor saw them in the hut when he called at the garden in the tenth moon of last lunar year.

To the Magistrate, defendant said that he did not know where Det.-Sgt. Tam Chung got the information contained in his (accused's) alleged statement. It might be possible that the detective made up the whole story, said defendant.

WAITING TO BE CALLED FOR

Letters for the undernamed are at Room 103, Peninsula Hotel:—
Mrs. R. J. Crockam,
Kenneth E. Kirk,
Mr. George A. Shaheen,
Mr. and Mrs. Glass Hooper,
Mr. N. Vargasoff,
Major C. De Sallis Robertson.

Ignorant Peasant A Stooge

Described as an ignorant peasant, "clearly being made a stooge by a person or persons unknown," 21-year-old Pang Ngar, of Hoi Luk, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday for importing raw opium.

Defendant was represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber, while R.O. Redman prosecuted.

Mr. Comber said defendant was a farmer in Hoi Luk, where the cost of living proved so high that he came down to Hong Kong to look for a job with his uncle.

Aboard the steamer, a man named Pang Nam handed him a tin the contents of which he did not know. When he landed at the Custodian Wharf at 11.45 a.m. on March 20, he was arrested.

Pang Nam walked ahead of him. As he was about to be arrested, defendant said the tin belonged to Pang Nam, but he could only speak Hakka and could not understand Cantonese.

Sixty-four taels of raw opium was found in the tin.

Appearing with defendant at the first hearing last month, were two men who pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and nine months' hard labour. One had 16 taels and the other 150 taels.

Hankie Was Evidence

Sixty-five cents and a lady's handkerchief, contained in a plastic wallet, caused Chung Ping-kuen (22) to be sentenced to ten strokes of the cane, eight months' hard labour, and recommended to be banished by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Up to shortly after 5 p.m. on April 5, according to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, the plastic wallet and its contents was in the left hand of a Chinese female, Ho King-duen, who was walking along Shum Chun Street.

When she was near Argyle Street, Chung sneaked up from behind and snatched the wallet from her hand. The woman shouted and gave chase to defendant.

PC 1505, on duty nearby, hearing the shouts joined in the chase and arrested accused at Argyle Street. The wallet, added SI Howarth, had been thrown away during the chase and could not be recovered.

Argument With A Taxi-Driver

Convicted on the counts of failing to pay his legal taxi fare and assaulting the taxi driver, Olimpio Dulay (28), Filipino steward of the m/v. "Turk's Head", was fined $40 and ordered to pay $100 compensation by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Wong Hang, driver of taxi 4789, testified that his taxi was engaged outside the Majestic Theatre at 10.30 p.m. on April 5 by defendant and another Filipino and told to drive to the Kowloon Docks.

At the Docks, they got out and defendant paid him the correct fare of $1.50. As he was about to drive away, accused told him to wait and, after a while, boarded his cab.

Witness said that when he tried to put down the flag in his taxi defendant prevented his doing so. When nearing the Main Gate of the Docks he told accused that he had to put down the flag as otherwise the watchmen might think he was doing some "black market" business.

Near the Kwun Yum Temple at Wuhu Street, defendant told him to stop. He did so and asked for the fare of $1 but accused refused to pay and adopted a threatening attitude.

Being scared, witness, said, he took the ignition key and a motorcar jack from under his seat, got out of the taxi and ran. He was called back by accused and when he re-entered the cab defendant took the jack from his hand.

There was a struggle for the possession of the jack, and complainant lost. Dulay, Wong alleged, struck him a violent blow on the left arm with the jack when he (witness) was outside the taxi.

A Police constable arrived and he, witness, drove the constable and defendant to the Hung Hom Police Station. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where he was detained for "a few days" with a fractured wrist.

Defendant, in a statement from the dock, denied having struck the complainant. He declared that Wong attempted to strike him with the jack and that he only took it away from the driver.

The trouble arose, said accused, out of complainant trying to take advantage of his drunken state by asking for $2 when the meter registered only $1 as the fare.

In reply to the Magistrate, Wong said that the doctor at the Kowloon Hospital asked him to go back again within three weeks. His wages was $180 per month.

Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth, assisted by SI Channing, prosecuted.

HAD TOO MUCH

Chu Fat-lam, 28, was fined $5 at the Central Magistracy yesterday for having $2,070,000 CNC over the permitted 5,000,000. The money was confiscated. On a further charge of trying to send letters out of the Colony otherwise than through the post, he was fined $50.

R. O. Redman prosecuted.

Morrison Hall Restoration

A decision was reached at a meeting of Morrisonians and their friends, held in the board room of the Bank of East Asia Ltd. yesterday afternoon, to restore Morrison Hall, badly damaged during the Japanese occupation, and to launch a financial drive for $250,000, the amount estimated to be required for the restoration.

Announcing this, the Rev. Frank Short, Secretary of the Board of Control of Morrison Hall, said it was hoped to get the new hostel ready for occupation by a new generation of Morrisonians by September 1948 and to provide amenities even better than those available in 1941.

The meeting decided to launch two separate appeals—one of a general character to cover the restoration of the central block and the west wing, and the other a special appeal, sponsored by Colonel L. T. Ride, for funds to restore the Pearce Memorial Wing as a continued memorial to Dr. and Mrs. Pearce, and also to the memory of Donald Anderson. Ernest Zimmern and other Morrisonians who gave their lives in the defence of the Colony.

Worthy Tradition

It was pointed out that some reserves were available, built up out of Mr. Stanley V. Boxer's faithful wardenship. A sum of £1,000 also had been promised by the London Missionary Society, and only something like $175,000 was needed.

The responsibility of raising the money required will rest on the shoulders of the energetic chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Li Tse-fong.

"We have entered into a worthy tradition," said Mr. Short. "A fraction of the devotion and sacrifice of Robert Arthington, Thomas William Pearce, and Stanley Boxer will enable Morrison Hall to resume its former service to the undergraduates of the University of Hong Kong, and to stand as a worthy memorial both to the benefactors of the past and to those Morrisonians who gave to this Colony their greatest gift—life itself."

New Board

Morrison Hall was built in 1917 from funds allocated by the London Missionary Society from a trust fund left by Robert Arthington, who devoted the whole of his estate for the furtherance of missionary work. In 1927 an anonymous donation of £3,000 was made to complete the erection of the East Wing. The donor was Dr. T. W. Pearce but this was not made known until after his death in 1938.

Dr. Pearce, who was the hostel's first warden, was in 1937 succeeded by Mr. Stanley V. Boxer.

The reconstituted Board of Control after the liberation is Sir Robert Kotewall C.M.G. (Chairman), Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Mr. John Pau, Dr. F. R. Ashton, Dr. A. L. Thomas, Mr. H. Noble and the Rev. Frank Short (Secretary).

Money Market

Gold fell back to $330.25 a tael at the close of the market yesterday. It had opened at $335 and was up to $337.75 about midday before it reversed trend.

U.S. dollars also eased off, with notes at $5.72½, drafts at $5.78 and TT at $5.86.

Piastres opened at $11.60 a 100, went up to $11.62½ and closed at $11.57½ at the tiffin interval. There were no transactions in the afternoon.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 10¼ cts. and closed at 10-3/8 cts. for CN$10,000. Spot opened at 10.6 cts. and closed at 10.9 cents.

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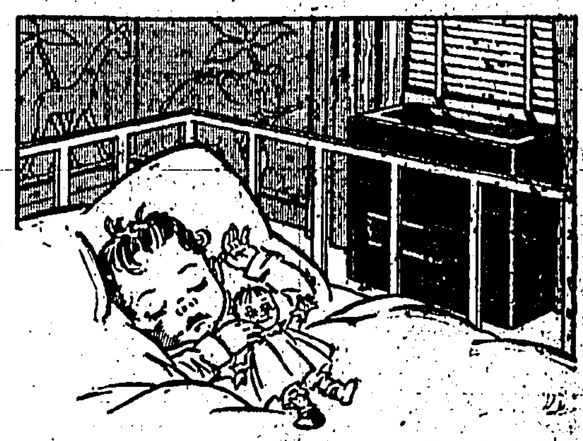
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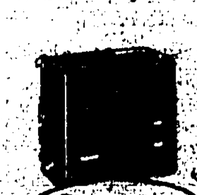
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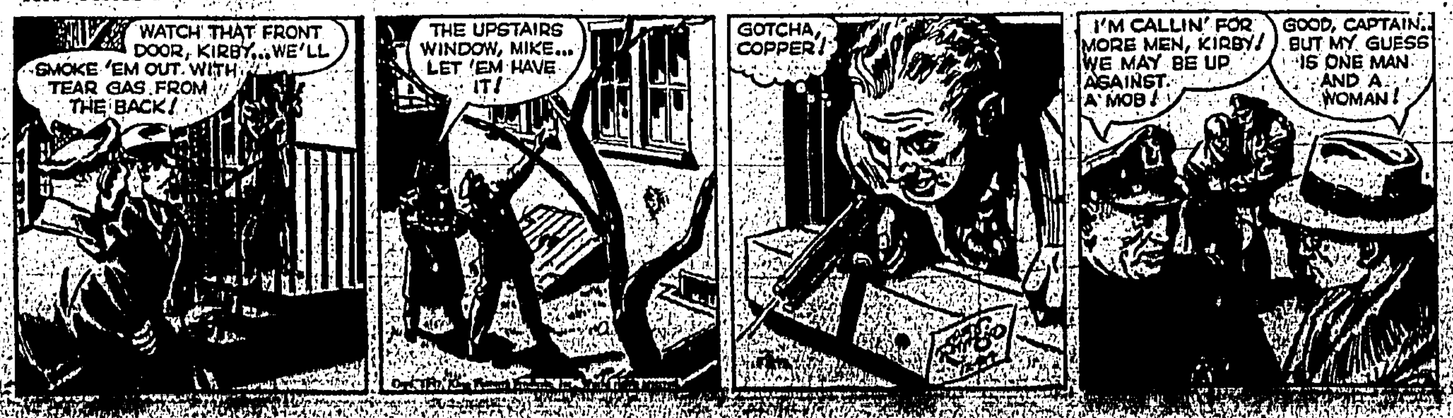

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

Weather permitting, it is proposed to hold the CLUB HANDICAP EVENTS on Saturday and Sunday, April 17th and 18th and Saturday and Sunday, April 24th and 25th and Players are asked to hold these dates free. The Fixture List for these week-ends will be posted on the Club Notice Board before the end of this week.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovenamed Company will be held at 601/606 Marina House, Hongkong, on Thursday, 29th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1947, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

Blank proxy forms are obtainable at 601/606 Marina House, Hongkong. Proxies must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company at least twenty-four hours before the Meeting.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 19th to the 29th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovenamed Company will be held at 601/606 Marina House, Hongkong on Thursday, 29th April, 1948, at 12.30 p.m. for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1947, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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CZECHS "KIDNAP" AIR LINER IN MID-AIR

Munich, Apr. 8.

Non-Communist Czechs kidnapped a Czechoslovak commercial airliner in the air on Tuesday and flew it to Germany, it was revealed today.

It was done in a quiet revolt of 17 passengers and three members of the crew. They explained: "We wanted to get away from the Communist regime."

"It was all so smooth, those of us who did not want to come here, did not know about it," said one of five other passengers.

A fourth member of the crew who objected was kept at gunpoint!

The plane was a transport owned by the Czech National Air Lines. It landed suddenly on Tuesday at the U.S. Air Forces fighter base at Neurenburg near Munich.

The plane left Prague on a regularly scheduled flight between the Czech capital and Bratislava. There were 25 people aboard. "The pilot said he knowingly brought the plane to the American zone and landed," a brief U.S.A.A. Force announcement said.

Passengers who were aboard said Czech authorities in Munich filled in details of the kidnapping.

"It seems that three of the crew and 14 of the passengers were in on the plot to begin with," said Blonde Mrs. Beatrix Chladek. "The three other passengers joined the plotting later."

Are Your With Us

"We set out from Prague and thought we were going along all right to Bratislava," she said. "Suddenly one of the passengers—a man came up to me and asked if I know where we were.

"I said I did not" and he said "well we are over Munich and we are going to London—are you with us?"

"Then we came down in Munich and the Americans came and asked us who was going to stay and who was not. I decided not to stay. I have nothing but pyjamas and a bathrobe. I am going back to Prague."

Mrs. Chladek said that air force officers separated those who were staying and those who wished to return.

"Before we were parted, however," she said "I learned that a man named Pavlen was head of the plot. The pilot also was in on it. The other passengers said the navigator—a man named Pavlik—did not want to fly to London. They said when he went to the toilet some of them followed him.

A Pistol

"When he came out they shoved a pistol at him and told him to stay in an empty seat.

"One of the passengers told me he was asked if he was with the plotters or not. He said he decided to go along with them. He said all my property has been nationalised; so what do I have to lose?

"He gave me his keys and asked me if I would give them to his wife when I get back."—Associated Press.

Fierce Battle For Hospitals!

Cairo, Apr. 8.

The 1,500 male nurses, who struck in Cairo's two largest hospitals yesterday, threatened to set the hospitals on fire and hurled blazing mattresses, torn from sickbeds, at the police who were besieging them, Iskander Pasha, the Egyptian Minister of Public Health, said today.

The strikers, who were demanding more pay, also used boiling water, kitchen crockery and slabs of concrete from the walls of the two hospitals, the Fuad El Awal and Kasr El Ainy, as ammunition in their battle with the police, which ended with the arrest of 517 strikers.

The casualty list, after the police had opened fire, totalled 126 strikers injured.

Before the nurses surrendered, it was learned, the ringleaders had instituted a "reign of terror" inside the hospital compound with "summary courts" which ordered the molestation of female nurses and patients who did not side with the strikers.

Many patients have been transferred to other hospitals because of the damage to the buildings, and the Government has decided to replace the male nurses by women.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Threatening

Lake Success, Apr. 8.

Bulgaria protested today against the alleged abduction of three Bulgarian frontier guards by Greek soldiers.

The protest was received by the Secretary General Trygve Lie for transmission to the Greek Government.

Bulgaria declared that the incident took place on April 4 on the Island of Gornia in the River Maritza.

The note said that unless the three guards were released immediately the "Bulgarian Government will find itself compelled to take all necessary counter measures."

Lie sent a copy of the protest to Alexis Kyrou, Greek representative to the United Nations.—Associated Press.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

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SIAM RICE EXPORTS

Bangkok, Apr. 8.

Purchase of 30,000 tons of Siamese rice by the United States for China relief has been completed, it was announced by Quinton C. Trousdale, local representative of the US Commodity Credit Corporation, which purchases and ships the rice.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Siam's rice shipments for February, 1948,—totalling 64,000 tons—represented the highest monthly shipment from the kingdom since December, 1946.—United Press.

STRIKE OVER

Calcutta, Apr. 8.

The strike of the Central Government employees in Calcutta virtually collapsed today when 700 men from three of the largest offices offered to return to work unconditionally.

It is estimated that only about 1,500 men, out of 20,000, remain on strike. Over 400 of these are in police custody.—Reuter.

MONTY AT NO. 10

London, Apr. 7.

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery who dined on Tuesday night with Soviet Marshal Sokolovsky in Berlin conferred today with Prime Minister Attlee.

There was no announcement following the meting at No. 10 Downing Street. — Asociated Press.

Greek King Also Gets Surprise

Athens, Apr. 8.

The King of Greece left Athens last night on a surprise visit to the Peloponnese, accompanied by Major General James Van Fleet, the military head of the United States aid mission to Greece, Major General Down, head of the British Military Mission, and General Alexander Papagos, the King's military adviser.

The Royal train carrying King Paul and his party from Argos to Tripoli, in the Peloponnese, was reported to have been derailed today a few miles from Tripoli. King Paul was stated to be unhurt and to have continued his journey by car.

The cause of the derailment was not known. It was later learned from reliable sources that the Royal party was not on the derailed train, but on another which followed later.—Reuter.

NEW MEMBER OF WORLD BANK

Washington, Apr. 8.

The International Monetary Fund and World Bank have agreed to accept Austria—at present occupied by the Big Four—as a member country, M. Camille Gutt, the President of the Fund, announced today.

He told a press conference that the Governors of the Bank and Fund had approved the Austrian membership application without dissent.

M. Gutt said Austria had until August 31 to join. She will be required to put up $5,000,000 in gold and the equivalent of $45 million in Austrian money.—Reuter

Egypt's Conditions On Palestine

Cairo, Apr. 8.

Egypt is ready to accept a temporary and conditioned United Nations trusteeship over the Holy Land, the evening news paper "Al Zaban" said today.

The conditions which the Egyptian Government laid, added the newspaper, are:

1—Trusteeship should cover the transition period between the British mandate and the coming phase of complete independence for Palestine.

2—Trusteeship should be for the unification of Palestine under a United Government in which the Arab majority and the Jewish minority would take part.

3—The United Nations should shelve the complete partition plan in order that Arab Governments will be sure that the Trusteeship Committee over the Holy Land will not prepare for implementation of the plan.—Associated Press.

Czech Reds Could Have Been Beaten

London, Apr. 8.

The wartime Czechoslovakian Defence Minister, General Sergej Ingr, told United Press today that the Communist coup could have been smashed in less than a week had President Benes given the Army orders to march.

General Ingr, one of the first men to desert the new regime, said 90 per cent of the Army and 100 per cent of the Air Force were loyal.

If the Army had marched, he said, it would have liquidated all Communist resistance in a few days—provided the Soviet Army did not interfere.

Until the coup, the Communists had little success in indoctrinating rank and file and officers of the Army, although they had infiltrated into higher echelons and especially into the Defence Ministry.

General Ingr is now playing a leading role in London organizing relief for Czech refugees.—United Press.

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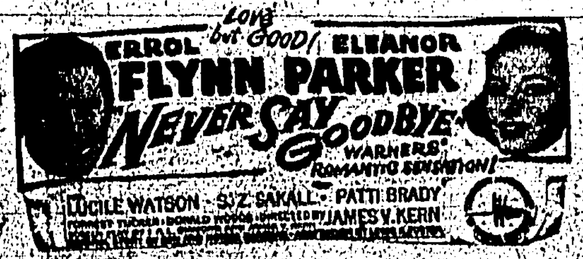

PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMME
Truman Seeks Big Expansion Of Air Force
Halt In Disposal Of War Assets

Washington, Apr. 8.

President Truman today asked Congress for an immediate appropriation of $725,000,000 for the expansion of the United States Air Forces.

The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, to whom the request was directed, called a special meeting for later today to consider the request.

The additional money is for use during the fiscal year starting July 1. The request is part of an addition $3,000 million to be sought for overall defence purposes for the next fiscal year.

Of the $725 million requested for the Air Forces, $195 million would be in cash and $530 million in contract authorisations for which cash must be furnished later.

President Truman will shortly ask Congress to double the appropriation for merchant shipping, raising it to $100 million, Mr. John Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy, told the House of Representatives Merchant Marine Committee today.

Of this sum, he plans to spend $90 million on new ships.

Asked how the United States Navy under the current tanker shortage justified recent transfers of American tankers to foreign countries, Mr. Sullivan said: "The transfers were made on certain specified terms and to countries from whom we felt reasonably certain we could get the tankers back in case of war."

He disclosed that of an American group of seven tankers still held by Russia on March 1, the four biggest had been returned and three others were now on their way.—Reuter.

A Halt Called

The White House today directed the War Assets Administration to hold up the final disposition of all unsold industrial plants, machine tools and production in these plants.

The request involves all such plants and their equipment not covered by the national security clause. This clause is a stipulation on sale contracts requiring that a plant must be maintained in such condition that it can be reconverted to its original use in 120 days.

Security Clause

Mr. John Steelman, Presidential Assistant, sent the request after consulting with the Secretary of Defence, Mr. James Forrestal, Chairman Arthur Hill of the National Security Resources Board, the Munitions Board and the War Assets Administration.

The Munitions Board has imposed the national security clause on more than 150 plants considered most important for national defence.

"The purpose of the present action is to permit the Munitions Board to review the status and condition of each of the remaining unsold plants with a view to imposing the restrictions of the national security clause on subsequent sales, where appropriate, under current conditions," Mr. Steelman said.—Reuter.

Conscription Bill

Washington, Apr. 8.

A military conscription bill requiring the registration of all men between 18 and 30 with those from 19 to 26 liable for two years' service was drawn up by the U. S. House Armed Services Committe today.

Walter G. Andrews, Chairman of the Committee, announced his Committee wil begin hearings on the measure on Apr. 12 with testimony from James Forrestal, U. S. Secretary of Defence.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

According to statistics compiled by the Shanghai City Government, 67.8 per cent of Shanghai's 1,942 municipal employees do not earn enough money to meet current minimum living expenses.—United Press.

G.I.s Join In Gang Battle

Tokyo A.pr. 9.

Forty United States army and military police were called out to assist armed Japanese police squads in suppressing the recent gang battle between Koreans and Japanese in Hamatsu city, the Japanese press reported today.

The reports, which were delayed in the press by Allied censorship, said that the battle involved 200 Japanese and approximately 100 Koreans.—Reuter.

Payments To M.P.'s

London, Apr. 8.

The Bill to amend the House of Commons Members Fund Act of 1939, published today, raises by £100 the maximum annual amount which a past Member of the House may receive.

It provides that periodical payment to a past Member may not exceed £250 yearly or such sum as will bring his income up to £325, whichever is the less.

The Bill brings the widowers of former Members of Parliament within the scope of the Act, but there is a provision that no payment shall be made to a widower of an ex-Member of Parliament unless he is ami was, before his wife's death, incapable, by reason of age or infirmity, of earning his living.

The annual payment to a widower shall not exceed £150, or such sum as shall bring his income to £225, whichever is the less.

Payments to widows of former Members will be from £150 to £225.—Reuter.

Pertinent Questions A Little Late

Washington, Apr. 8.

Senator Henry C. Dworshak (Idaho Republican) today demanded a State Department explanation of the disposal of dismantled war plants in the United States occupation zone of Germany.

Senator Dworshak read to the Senate a news dispatch indicating that the Russian troops and their satellites had received 63 per cent of reparations taken from the United States zone.

He said the dispatch, which was based on a release from the headquarters of General Lucius Clay, showed that Russia and Poland got 40 per cent of Western Germany's dismantled war plants instead of the 25 per cent agreed upon at Potsdam.

"I would like the State Department to tell the American people," Senator Dworshak said, "whether the plants still represented "war potential" when transferred behind the iron curtain.

The plants had been removed from Germany because they were considered "war potential."—United Press.

Brazil Refuses

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 8.

The Brazilian Attorney General has recommended refusal of Norway's request for the extradition of nine Norwegians wanted for alleged war crimes who are now in custody at Recife, North Brazil.

All nine escaped across the Atlantic in a motor yacht last July. The men were said to be charged with "political offences" and the Brazilian Constitution did not provide for extradition in such cases. The matter will go before the Supreme Court for confirmation.

It was said that the fugitives might be deported from Brazil on a charge of entering the country illegally and also on a charge of attempting to escape from custody.

On the other hand, the fugitives could apply, under the Brazilian Constitution, for asylum as "political refugees".—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 545 kilocycles from 12.10 to 2 p.m., and from 6 to 11 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9 to 11 p.m.

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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Forecast.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards and Peter Dawson (Baritone).
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Anne Shelton in a Light Variety Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Strings of the George Melachrino Orchestra (BBCTS).
6.45 p.m.—"My Songs for You" Sung by Maurice Keary (BBCTS).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—"Unit Requests" Linda Cater Calling—R.E.M.E. Command Workshops (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—"See Tee" Soccer Commentary.
8.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
8.30 p.m.—The Detection Club—"Butler in a Lordly Dish" by Agatha Christie (London Relay).
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.16 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up" "William Booth: The man and His Mission A Talk by Brigadier H.T. Waller (Studio).
9.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Continuous Music played by Donald Fraser on the Hammond Organ (By Courtesy of Moutries and Comp.)
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At one table of a duplicate that contract was beaten just a single trick, though the defense began the same as elsewhere. Every West led the spade 9, the 10 going on from dummy and the J winning. Every East then scored the club A, laid down the spade A and led the spade 6 for West to ruff, setting the contract. One West then made the terrible return of his diamond 2. South won it with dummy's A, took out the defender's trumps, finessed the club 9 and so got the rest of the tricks.

At all other tables, after West ruffed the third spade, he returned a club, as called for by East's play of the singleton A. That resulted in setting the contract two tricks when East trumped it.

The defensive players in this contest were not overly strong, or else someone should have set the contract three tricks. West should have trumped his partner's spade A on the third trick, led a second round club for East to ruff, ruffed the third round spade and then led a third round club for another ruff from East. This play was bound to gain a trick if East had two trumps, and could not lose even if he had just one.

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TOMORROW'S PROBLEM

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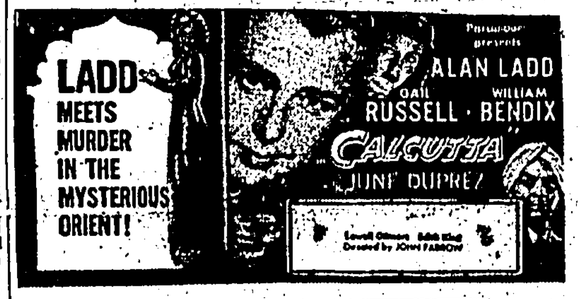

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UNITED STATES PREPAREDNESS

The United States as a whole has turned some of its attention from foreign affairs and is looking in on itself—with some concern. Russian policies, the Prague coup, and President Truman's request for the return of selective service and the introduction of universal military training have caused most Americans to consider the state of their defences.

This led to widespread cries for more armaments, more men in uniform, and many of those advocating preparedness are being accused of hysteria. In a few instances this charge has substance, but it must be remembered that it always takes drama, even melodrama, to persuade Congress to move at any speed greater than dead-slow.

What is now forgotten is that for three years the heads of the American armed forces have been pleading vainly with Congress for some form of universal military training. The loss of Czechoslovakia from the democratic world aroused popular recognition of how serious was the deterioration of American military strength. The iron was hot, and in turn the President, the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Forrestal, and the heads of the armed services struck it resoundingly. Charges of hysteria cannot be levelled against them.

Mr. Forrestal has presented Congress with a supplementary Defence Budget of £750 million which would finance an increase of 350,000 men in the statutory strength of the armed forces, the revival of selective service, the introduction of universal training, and allow an immediate start of new aircraft procurement. In turn the Administration has stopped the further sales of war plants and recommended a further expansion of the Air Force and of shipping facilities.

This is hardly hysteria, but it is essential military support for the foreign policy to which the United States is committed. Congressional prospects for enactment of this programme are at the moment good.

Trieste Moves

The dramatic move by Britain, France, and the United States in proposing to the Russian and Italian Governments that the Free Territory of Trieste should be handed back to Italy has been followed by handing over civil administration to local authorities. It is denied that it is being handed over to the Italians but as 85 per cent. of the population is Italian it approximates to much the same thing.

Russia is likely to be violently opposed to the move, particularly as throughout the negotiation of the peace treaty, the Russian delegate claimed the maximum territory for the Yugoslavs up to a line much further west than the actual free territory.

Yugoslav reaction is also likely to be violent, but whether Marshal Tito will attempt to go further than mere verbal protest will depend on the instructions he receives from Moscow.

DOUBLING UP

Stockholm, Apr. 8.

The Swedish Minister of the Interior today asked the Swedish Parliament to double the funds for counter-espionage "in view of recent events."

The money involved, amounting to 5,000,000 kroner will be used for strengthening the secret police. It was learned [illegible]

Hitler Suspicious Of Goering

March 9, 1943: We arrived at the Fuehrer's GHQ about 1.30 p.m. The Fuehrer is having lots of trouble, especially with the war in the air. He is thoroughly dissatisfied with the measures Goering has taken.

Unfortunately the utter failure of the Luftwaffe has reduced Goering's prestige with the Fuehrer tremendously, not only in this but also in other respects.

That somewhat upsets my plans for making him more conspicuous. The Fuehrer, according to Speer, is rather unapproachable at the moment as regards Goering.

At 2 p.m. the Fuehrer came away from his staff conference. He did seem tired, but otherwise appeared very active.

I first gave him a detailed report on Berlin. He listened with great attention and concentration. I noticed immediately that he was very suspicious of Goering.

The Fuehrer's opinion about the generals was unfavourable. They cheated him, he said, wherever they could. Besides, they were uneducated. Their training had been wrong for generations. The debacle of the past winter, the Fuehrer explained, was chiefly owing to the utter failure of our allies to do their part. Now the front was in order again.

The Fuehrer doesn't want to see any more follies on the Eastern Front.

Then the Fuehrer invited me into his air raid shelter where we had a four-hour discussion in private.

First I completed my report on the Berlin air raid and gave the Fuehrer my views regarding air warfare in general.

He criticised Goering with extraordinary sharpness. He had let his generals transport him into the realm of illusions.

While his optimism was no doubt extremely valuable in times of crisis, it also easily made him a victim of wishful thinking.

Not Equal

Field-Marshal General Sperrle, in France, was not equal to his task. Like all air force generals he had withdrawn to a castle and was there leading the life of a sybarite. Air warfare against England probably didn't interest him much more than, say, an excellent luncheon or dinner.

Naturally the Fuehrer will under no circumstances let air warfare continue in a slipshod way as hitherto.

The Fuehrer is going to see to it whatever happens that British terror will be answered by terror from our side. To make that possible everything must be scraped together from the Luftwaffe that can possibly be collected.

In place of Sperrle he wants to send to France a young, capable officer who is to have no other task save that of carrying on air warfare against England so systematically and unyieldingly that the English will no longer relish troubling us every night.

The Fuehrer is very angry at the Italians because they are doing nothing.

They are no good for the Eastern Front; they are no good for North Africa; they are no good for submarine warfare; they aren't any good even for anti-aircraft at home.

The Fuehrer is right in asking why they are in the war anyway!

Production for the Luftwaffe should again be reduced to simple principles. There has been too much experimenting.

Goering's illusions have had evil results.

Goering likes to hear things that are pleasant. That's why his boon companions won't tell him anything unpleasant. That refers not only to the Luftwaffe itself, but especially to the damage done by the English.

Always Minimised

This is always minimised to Goering and never presented in its full extent. The Fuehrer blazes with rage at this conscienceless entourage of the Reich Marshal, which is largely responsible for bringing us into this extremely embarrassing situation.

The Fuehrer's judgment of the moral qualities of the generals is devastating. He doesn't believe any general. They all cheat him, fawn upon him, furnish him statistics which any child can contradict, and thereby insult the Fuehrer's intelligence.

The Fuehrer won't rest satisfied until Goering, too, has a clear conception of air warfare.

In view of his general state of mind I thought it inopportune to introduce the question of Goering's political leadership.

I made complaint about a number of Reichsleiters and Gauleiters, whose standard of living is very much out of tune with the times.

The Fuehrer had heard about this, too. He is going to forbid hunting for the duration of the war and the use of alcohol at any events sponsored by the party. In principle only a one-course meal is to be served.

The Fuehrer is absolutely in the dark about the number of reserves the Bolsheviks still have at their disposal. The Fuehrer ventured the opinion that it was no means impossible that they might collapse sooner or later.

The Fuehrer became exceptionally open-hearted and personal at the end of our discussion. He hides absolutely nothing from me. Intimate talks like that really strengthen one's heart.

Only Worry

His only worry at present, he said, was his health. He doesn't know whether he will come through the war completely intact [illegible]

Goebbel's Diary

ended!"—this turn of speech keeps recurring more frequently now with the Fuehrer.

With a certain bitterness he observes he must conduct it with the present corps of generals. But once the war is over he wants to withdraw more than ever from military affairs and again devote himself to things that suit him much more personally.

He is most deeply shocked at the infidelity of the generals. There is no dependence on them.

In the evening I dined with the Fuehrer and Speer. The Fuehrer again briefed us on the general war situation. He gave high praise to the courage and slugging ability of the SS divisions.

If there were ever an attempt at a revolt in Berlin by foreign workers, the Fuehrer would send his Leibstandarte to the capital; it would make an example of them that would quench any other hotheads' desire for such excesses.

The Fuehrer once more gave detailed expression to his opinion of the generals, for whom he has nothing but contempt. About Keitel the Fuehrer can only laugh. The Fuehrer is very angry about the behaviour of Field Marshal General Paulus. After the war he is determined to make Paulus face a court-martial with all his generals.

The Fuehrer spoke in sharp terms about the impudence of prominent people and their wives. He criticised especially the behaviour of Frau Lutze and to some extent that also of von Ribbentrop, who acted disgracefully during the last air raid in Berlin.

With regard to the Jewish question, he specifically ordered me to make Berlin entirely free of Jews. I shall see to it that there is no concubinage between Berlin Jews and foreign workers.

Nuremberg Raid

In the course of the evening we received the news that Nuremberg had suffered a heavy air raid.

The Fuehrer is very much worried about the fate of this city. The Fuehrer ordered General Bodenschatz to be pulled out of bed and gave him a very serious talk about the air war.

He had been with Goering, and on the Fuehrer's order had informed him of the grave anxiety the development of air raids is causing the Fuehrer. Goering now knows that it is the eleventh hour for him.

The Fuehrer is certainly extremely dissatisfied with the present situation.

This midnight discussion developed into a full-sized row. Speer and I had a hard time calming things down some what. This was where our new friendship with Goering stood is first test.

March 10: On the way to Berlin we received news of an air raid alert in Berlin. A couple of Mosquito planes managed to get through to the capital.

The alert lasted for more than an hour. That shows how very inferior we are to the English in the air. They are constantly sitting on our necks.

It is simply maddening that a great Power that once enjoyed air superiority over all Europe can now be annoyed by such pinpricks of air warfare.

Regarding Tunisia, the English claim that Rommel has now been defeated completely.

We ought soon to make up our minds whether we can and want actually to hold Tunis or not. Halfway measures simply won't do for us in the future.

The English plutocracy has turned against Cripps because of his pro-Bolshevik speeches.

Because of our well-planned campaign, anti-Bolshevism is the principal theme of discussion in the enemy camp today.

March 11: Last night's air raid on Munich was extremely heavy. Again one asks: How long is this to go on? If the English are in a position night after night to attack some German city, one can easily imagine how Germany will look after about three months; unless we take effective countermeasures.

We have abandoned the idea of putting a firewatcher on every roof during an air raid. That would cause too many casualties. We'll merely have regular patrols of the houses under the direction of the air raid warden.

Unfortunately these wardens are not always very efficient.

I gather that prominent army officers at home are criticising the Fuehrer very much.

That is lowdown and disgusting. One can only agree with the Fuehrer's opinion of the top officers. They aren't worth a hoot.

The evacuation of Jews from Berlin has led to a number of untoward happenings.

Unfortunately a number of Jews and Jewesses from privileged marriages were also arrested. Because of the short-sighted behaviour of industrialists who warned the Jews in time, we failed to lay our hands on about 4,000.

They are now wandering about Berlin without homes, not registered with the police, and naturally quite a public danger.

I ordered the police to round these Jews up as quickly as practicable.

Can't Be Squeamish

The arrest of "privileged" Jews and Jewesses caused a terrific commotion, especially in artistic circles, since these marriages are still prevalent among actors.

But I can't be squeamish about them. If a German still finds it possible to live with a Jewess as his legal wife, that's a point against him, and it's out of place to be too sentimental about this question in wartime.

March 12: The Fuehrer has ordered Goering back from Rome because of the constant increase in the number of English air raids on the Reich.

It is a good thing that Rommel, too, is to be at G.H.Q. during the Fuehrer's talk with Goering.

He gave a report about Tunisia which pleased the Fuehrer tremendously. Rommel again holds all trump cards.

His talk with the Fuehrer went off wonderfully. In the afternoon there was a conference between the Fuehrer, Goering, and Rommel, during which the question of reinforcements for Tunis was also discussed.

It was agreed for the present that Tunis is to be held under all circumstances.

Total war is still the principal theme of public discussion. A number of specific questions are debated, especially that of beauty parlours for the ladies. These play a curiously important role, especially in the large cities.

Perhaps one must not be too strict about them.

Steam Roller

March 13: The Bolshevik steam roller has been brought to a standstill, and the Germans have wrought another miracle. They have triumphed over the peril in the East.

I have given instructions for greater restraint in reporting air raids. We reveal too much, and thereby encourage the English to continue their attacks.

The English are very reserved about their own air warfare. We have to date not been able to reach even 50 per cent. accuracy in estimating the effect of our raids on England, whereas the English know almost everything about the results of their attacks on Germany.

I addressed the Berlin party sub-leaders on the duties now devolving on the party in Berlin.

I discussed especially the theme of total war and its relation to the sort of proletarian cult of which there has been evidences here and there.

It has happened, for instance, that well-dressed ladies have been insulted on the streets or in public conveyances on the ground that they were not living up to the requirements of total war. That, of course, is arrant non sense.

Total war does not involve a conscious and planned cult of the primitive.

Under no circumstances must it become a habit to look upon everyone who wears a starched collar as a poor representative of the idea of total war.

Not Meant

The fact that hair dyeing is forbidden to ladies in some provinces, but permitted in others, has resulted in the better-class ladies travelling from one gau to another for their beauty treatments. That, of course, is no what is meant by total war.

In the evening Speer, Funk, and Ley visited me. All three are sad that at present Goering's position with the Fuehrer is not a very strong one.

Funk is alarmed lest the new tax decrees lead to complete extinction of private enterprise. This must not be allowed.

If, after earning a certain income, people must give up 12(per cent. of it in the form o taxes, as has actually happened i certain cases, no one will want t work hard or exert themselves but will only do what is absolutel necessary.

We all agreed that parents with a higher social standard who have many children must be accorded greater tax exemption than hitherto.

At present the only parents of large families who benefit in this way come from the lower social classes.

Later news reached us of another exceedingly heavy air raid on Essen. This time the Krupp plant has been hard hit.

Twenty-five major fires were raging on the grounds of the plant. Air warfare is at present our greatest worry. . . .

Things simply cannot go on like this. It is to be expected that Goering will now do something decisive.

First Act

March 16: It is quite interesting to note that, wherever the English and the Americans go, their first act is that of rescinding the restrictions against Jews.

It proves that in London, as well as in Washington, the Jews are playing a decisive role, even though behind the scenes.

The dropping of forged food-ration cards from English planes is causing a lot of trouble. The use of forged food-ration cards will be punished severely, in certain cases even by death.

The Foreign Office lacks clear and purposeful leadership. Ribbentrop avoids decision by simply not being where he can be found.

March 17: The theme of invasion is again being given greater emphasis (abroad). We must under no circumstances give any impression of weakness, even though our troop reserves in the West are at present very weak and we are still running a dangerous risk.

In Duisburg certain families who were bombed out in mid-December of last year are still sleeping on straw. Conditions like that can't continue.

A Fuehrer decree admonishes prominent persons in the State and the Party to behave according to wartime requirements. This decree is quite inadequate, and I demanded something more severe. I was able to press home my arguments.

A number of prominent State and Party figures are involved in the profiteering trial, including Dr. Frick, Rust, Darre, and even Hierl, with Brauchitsch and Raeder as well.

It is simply scandalous that such outstanding men should sabotage our war effort in this way.

I shall not, in any circumstances, permit any corruption which endangers the war effort.

U-Boat Attacks

March 18: Our strongest counter-weapon to English air warfare is our submarine. I believe it inflicts at least as heavy wounds on England as the R.A.F. inflicts on us.

Keitel is an absolute zero. He is a locomotive that has run out of fuel, puffs out its last steam, and then suddenly stands still.

Goering wants to make an early appointment with the Fuehrer. During the past three-and-a-half years of war, he has committed very grave errors. He realises that perfectly today.

We also talked at length about air warfare. Goering still is not fully aware of the extent of the damage done to property and persons. For instance, he was absolutely flabbergasted when I told him almost 700 people had been killed in Berlin.

Nor did he know the full extent of the material damage to Berlin. But he, too, now realises that the English air raids can be stopped only by counter-terror. One must strike in the residential sections and the homes of the plutocracy.

March 20: In Tunisia, the French have proved exceptionally poor soldiers. They desert and are happy to be transported back to France.

The American soldiers are considered by our troops to be the worst possible. They are simply not cut out to be soldiers.

In the evening the Fuehrer arrived in Berlin. I was happy to find him so cheerful and healthy.

I proposed to the Fuehrer that in future we should bomb not slums but the residential sections of the plutocracy when making air raids on England.

The Fuehrer agrees. It doesn't pay to attack harbours or industrial cities. It is, of course, very difficult to make this clear to the Luftwaffe, since it has remained completely in its old rut.

Reprisals

Our air reprisals cannot begin for another five or six weeks.

The Fuehrer doesn't know exactly how long the Soviet Union can still hold out, but he believes that, once this colossus begins to totter, it will suffer an historic collapse.

The Fuehrer thinks this will begin, not with a lack of supplies, but of manpower. They have sustained such bloody losses during the past winter that they simply cannot stand them much longer.

The Fuehrer is pleased with my report that the Jews have for the most part been evacuated from Berlin. The Jews will certainly be the losers in this war whatever happens.

What the Fuehrer tells me about his health is none too good. He has stomach trouble, but Professor Morell has succeeded at least in freeing him of pain and bodily discomfort.

April 9: It is claimed that central Tunisia is completely in the hands of our enemies. Their only problem is what to do with the numerous prisoners.

Their triumphant cries really get on one's nerves, and unfortunately they are not entirely without background and reason.

A report on the interrogations of American prisoners is really gruesome. These American soldiers are human material which can in no way stand comparison with our people.

One has the impression one is dealing with a herd of savages. The Americans are coming to Europe with a spiritual emptiness that really makes you shake your head. They are uneducated and know nothing.

Goering Blamed

Field-Marshal General Milch (second to Goering in the Luftwaffe) spoke in terms of sharpest criticism about the Reich Marshal (Goering). He blames him for having let technical research in the German Luftwaffe run down completely. The Marshal, he said, had gone to sleep on the laurels won by the Luftwaffe in 1939 and 1940.

The worst factor of all had in his opinion, been the part played by General Udet (who had committed suicide in 1941).

He had committed sins of omission on a scale deserving to be commemorated by history.

In Milch's opinion it will not be possible to make any sort of showing against the English before November, and we shall not be able really to pay them back in kind until next spring.

Until then the English can lay a large part of the Reich in ruins if they go about it in the right way. Milch regards our situation in the air as very serious.

Milch confirmed reports that the Fuehrer was exceedingly angry about the Luftwaffe. He expressed himself in the most furious and unrestrained language before the generals of the Luftwaffe, not even sparing the Reich Marshal.

Claims Accurate

April 10: The English have issued pompous communiques about their air raids and the damage caused. Their claims on the whole are accurate. English espionage service in the Reich is functioning alarmingly well.

We arrived in Essen before 7 a.m. and went to the hotel on foot because driving is quite impossible in many parts of Essen.

This city must, for the most part be written off completely. Building experts estimate that it will take twelve years to repair the damage.

I believe Essen is the city hit hardest of all by English raids.

The construction of bomb-proof shelters is the most immediate problem. In some cities the population is defenceless and completely at the mercy of air raids. All the speakers criticised the Luftwaffe and Goering unsparingly.

I paid a short visit to Krupps, where I was received by young Bohlen. Old man Bohlen, now 72 years old, is lying ill with cancer. Young Bohlen does not impress me as very active. He has not his father's energy.

Nobody can tell how Krupps is to go on.

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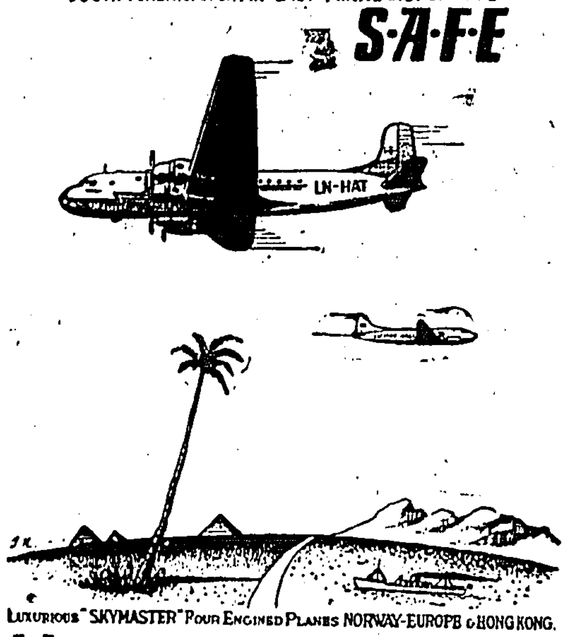

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Five-Point Plan For Western Zones

London, April 8.

The United States has proposed a five-point programme setting up a West German Government within just over a year, it was learned here tonight.

The five stages in the plan are believed to be:

1. The formation of a provisional Government embracing the present Anglo-American Bizone and the French Zone.
2. A territorial reorganisation of the Laender (Provincial Governments), whose present borders are determined by the zonal division of Germany.
3. —The election of a Constituent Assembly.
4. —The drafting by this Assembly of a constitution.
5. —The formal establishment of a new West German Government.

The United States plan is believed to be the main subject of tonight's meeting in Berlin of the United States, British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg representatives considering the German situation, according to a reliable source here.

It is believed to have been framed in the light of recent events in Berlin and to represent the latest official attitude in Washington and at the United States occupation headquarters in Frankfurt and Berlin.

The British representatives at the meeting of experts in Berlin are reliably reported to have given broad support to the United States initiative to revise the timetable of the zonal fusion.

American Mood

Observers here believe the Americans are in a mood to press ahead with their programme, because, in their view, the recent crisis in Berlin has increased the urgency of consolidating Western Germany politically and economically as part of the wider design for the recovery of non-Communist Europe.

A second reason is that they have clear indications that, unless steps are taken to give the Western Zones a provisional Government, they will be faced with an East German State and Government, for which Soviet plans are believed to be already far advanced.

Meanwhile, the Western powers in Berlin today agreed to Russia's demand for the abolition of six committees of the Kommandatura—the four-power body which rules Berlin—thus ending one of the East-West conflicts in Germany.

The original Russian demand was to abolish eight committees and to merge their functions with those of other committees.

Russian Success

The Western powers' concession, regarded by Kommandatura officials as at least a partial success for Russia, came as General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, who today flew back to Berlin from the British Zone, was preparing his reply to Soviet charges that the British authorities were to blame for Monday's Viking-Yak air collision over the capital, costing 15 lives.

The agreement on the committees issue was reached at a meeting of the Kommandatura after the Russians, on grounds of shortage of personnel and the need to streamline the organisation, had kept up a week-long boycott of the committees.

The sub-committees, which the Russians originally proposed to dissolve, were: building and housing, transport, economics, social welfare, fuel, property control, and denazification and cultural affairs.

It was agreed to allow the economics sub-committee to remain functioning, to refer the question of the property control sub-committee to the Allied Commandants, and to abolish the rest.

Fighter Escorts?

British officials in Berlin were tonight assuming that General Robertson's order to employ fighter escorts—announced and cancelled on Tuesday night after the air crash—might again come into force in view of the tone of the Russian reply to the British note on the crash.

A spokesman said tonight: "General Robertson has not yet decided to make any statement or to say what action he intends to take on the Russian reply."

The suggestion that the Viking airliner was not flying its prescribed course, which appeared to be the basis of Marshal Sokolovsky's letter throwing the blame entirely on the British, was refuted by the spokesman, who quoted Air Commodore R. N. Wells, the Commandant at Gatow Airport, as stating without reservation that the airliner was on its normal route as it approached Gatow for a landing.—Reuter.

French Misgivings

Paris, Apr. 8.

The reported American plan for setting up a Western German Government within the year—of which the French Foreign Ministry denies any official knowledge—created great misgivings among French officials.

M. Couve de Murville, France's representative at the talks in Berlin between the British, American, French, Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg representatives considering the German situation, is expected to oppose the setting up of a Western Central German Government.

The French view is that a government set up at Frankfurt could never hope to influence the Germans away from the centre of attraction, Berlin, where any government, even one controlled by the Russians, would have more appeal.

In the name of the French Government, M. de Murville will urge the Anglo-Americans not to walk into a Russian trap and give the Kremlin an excuse to set up its own puppet government in Berlin.—Reuter.

Anglo-Soviet Enquiry

Moscow, Apr. 8.

A joint Anglo-Soviet commission has begun to investigate the collision between a British Viking airliner and a Soviet Yak fighter near Berlin on Monday, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported tonight from Berlin.—Reuter.

Deal Plans Big Show

Deal, England, Apr. 8.

The City Council voted today to make the 250th anniversary of Deal's Civic Charter next year with a celebration running the entire year.

It suggested that a pageant, tracing Deal's history from the day Julius Caesar landed on her beaches 2,000 ago, through 1066 to the present day, should be the highlight of the celebration.

It also planned to work Deal's historical contacts with America into the celebration.—United Press.

Crossman's Plan For Germany

London, Apr. 8.

Mr. Richard Crossman, a leading Left Wing Labour Member of Parliament, today called for an all-German Government with its headquarters at Frankfurt in an article in the Left Wing weekly, the New Statesman.

"During the last six months," Mr. Crossman writes from Frankfurt, "it has become increasingly clear that the present division of responsibility in Western Germany has become totally unworkable.

"The half-way house between military government and a genuine German self-government has meant that neither the Allies nor the Germans feel much sense of responsibility."

To remedy the situation, Mr. Crossman suggests three successive steps which he urges should be taken quickly.

1.—A currency reform combined with a capital levy.

2.—An "occupation statute" stating unambiguously the powers of the occupying powers and of the German officials.

3.—The summoning of a Constituent Assembly and the creation out of it of a German Cabinet to which the full transfer of authority can take place.

Prophesying the emergence of two German Governments, one Eastern and one Western, Mr. Crossman says Russia would have Berlin as her trump card, while the Western powers would have full membership for Germany in the Western Union as theirs.

"We have got to prove," he adds, "that participation in the Western Union spreads more butter on more slices of German bread than participation in the Eastern bloc."—Reuter.

Jackal Barking Louder

Bogota, Apr. 8.

The crisis facing Britain provided a "propitious climate" in which to press his country's claim against British Honduras, the Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Senor Muenoz Meany, said at the Pan-American Conference here today.

Speaking at a plenary session of the Conference, he criticised teh presence of British troops in Belize, British Honduras, as an "affront to the Americas".

He insisted that the anachronism" of all colonies in the Western Hemisphere should be ended, although he referred to Britain as a "friendly" power and implied that Guatemala was prepared to continue bilateral discussions for a settlement of the British Honduras dispute.

"The map of Gautemala contains the bloody stain of territorial mutilation—a fifth part of its territory snatched away by one of the most powerful empires of the world."

The frail Gautemalan Foreign Minister, who rose from his sick-bed to make the speech, told the other 20 delegations that Gautemala intended to act "with perfect judicial correctness".

He denied that Gautemala's ambitions went beyond British Honduras.—Reuter.

Diplomatic Friction

Washington, Apr. 8.

The United States has withdrawn two members of the American Embassy staff at Prague on the demand of the Czechoslovak Government, diplomatic officials disclosed here today.

The officials said the withdrawal was made before last week's demand by the United States that the Czechs recall two members of their Embassy staff here in Washington, and added that there was no direct link between the two cases. Both took place after the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

British Delegate's Riposte

Berlin, Apr. 8.

The British delegate accused the Soviet authorities of crippling Berlin by restricting the freedom of movement of people and goods when the Kommandatura—four-power body ruling Berlin—met today.

Brigadier R. Benson, British Deputy Commandant, was denying charges made by Colonel Jelisarov, the Soviet Deputy Commandant, at the meeting on April 2 that the three Western Allies were conniving at "the pillage of Berlin."

In a reply to the Soviet allegations, Brigadier Benson said that the charges were apparently being made to justify the new Soviet traffic restrictions, which were throwing railway facilities west out of Berlin back to the level of the 19th century.

"Goods traffic is being strangled by inefficient and unbusinesslike Soviet control," he said. "Mails are held up for days on end, and the remarkable recovery which the city has made since it was stripped by the Soviet authorities in 1945 is in jeopardy."—Reuter.

Czech Parties In Line

Prague, Apr. 8.

All Czechoslovak parties have now agreed to joint lists of candidates for the general election on May 23, it was learned tonight.

Although party leaders had categorically affirmed within the last fortnight their intention of going to the polls independently, there was a swift readjustment following a demand for agreed single lists made by M. Antonin Zapotocky, the Communist Vice-Premier.

The demand was promptly endorsed by M. Erdan, the Social Democrat Minister of Social Welfare and later by M. Vojanec, the spokesman of the People's Party. The Farmers Union also decided to take the same line and the influential Trades Union Council voted without dissent in favour of presenting the electors with single lists of candidates.—Reuter.

Nothing New

Frankfurt, Apr. 8.

The United States Army European Headquarters today branded as propaganda Austrian Communist charges that American arms were being shipped to Italy from Germany.

"Shipments of surplus Army material have been going to Italy for some time," an Army spokesman said.

He added that shipments consisted of surplus "demilitarized" U.S. Army property purchased by Italy.—United Press.

RESIGNATION

Boston, Apr. 8.

Dr. Serge Koussevitzky announced today that he would resign next year after his 25th season as conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Koussevitzky will be succeeded by Charles Munch, founder and director of the Paris Philharmonic Orchestra.—United Press.

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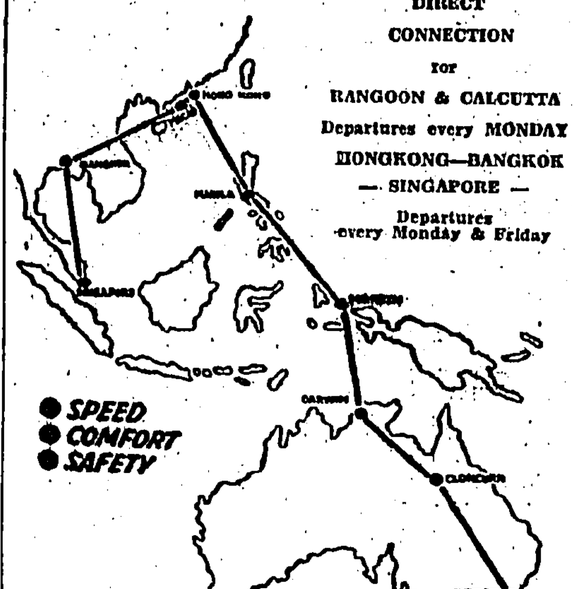

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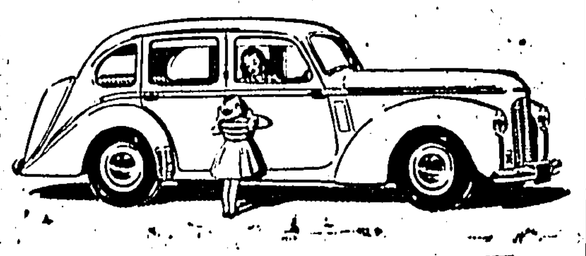

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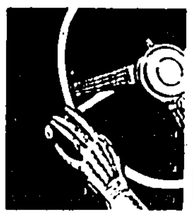

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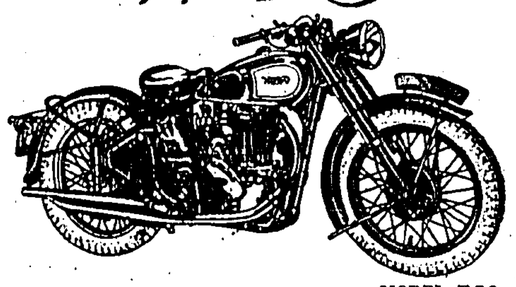

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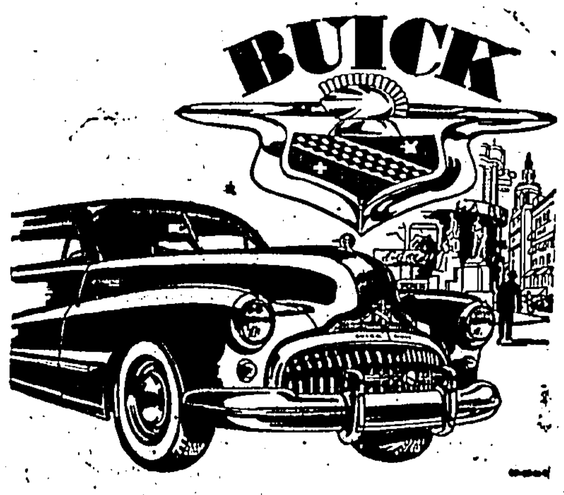

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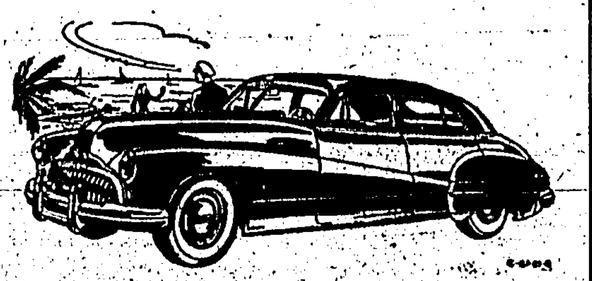

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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

AN ITALIAN RACING CAR OF UNUSUAL DESIGN

Although changes in the organization of the Maserati concern led to doubts as to their business future, it seems that the new 1½-litre announced at the Geneva Show early last year will be produced for sale as a sports car. This model was illustrated with an elegant Farina body last March and the same chassis in 2-litre form ran in the Mille Miglia and later races. Further details are now given which emphasize again the current Italian interest in tubular frames with independent suspension.

First, the engine is a single block of six cylinders and has a bore of 66 mm and a stroke of 72.5 mm; the power claimed at 4,700 r.p.m. is 65 b.h.p., which is not unreasonable for that type of engine. Compression is 7.8 to 1, which is high, and presupposes the use of a good fuel. There are in effect two carburettors, though actually the instrument used has two bodies and a single float chamber. Water is circulated by a pump driven through the dynamo armature shaft, and coil ignition is used with a 12-volt system. The cylinder head is very simple, with no attempt to design the combustion space purely from the anti-detonation point of view. The valves are overhead.

Behind the engine are the usual single-plate clutch and then a four-speed gear box with synchromesh mechanism for third and top only. The drive is taken by a propeller-shaft with two universal joints to a bevel-driven rear axle.

New Chassis

So far there is little that is unusual in the design, but the chassis is altogether new, the side members and, indeed, the whole frame being constructed of tubes welded in position as requisite, the layout including what amounts to a stiffening cruciform girder in the centre, supported by a number of cross-members behind the gear box. This is not the first Italian chassis to have tubes instead of pressings for the frame, and the idea is obviously becoming popular.

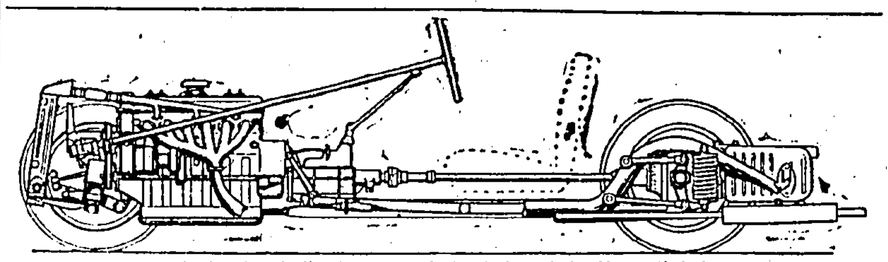
From the front the frame slopes steeply downwards, so that the horizontal portion of the side members is well below the level of the propeller-shaft and gear box, entailing a deep shaft tunnel running between the front seats. At the rear the frame is carried upwards and curved over the side tubes of the axle before running down to the rear cross-member.

Forward the suspension is independent, each wheel assembly being carried on one long and one short set of wishbone levers which swing against a coil spring bedded on the lever at its lower end and on a very stiff special cross-member at the top. This layout allows the steering gear to operate the tie-rod direct, the tie-rod being placed in front of the axle instead of behind. As will be seen from the drawing, the frame is very narrow, so that there is no need for a sub-frame to carry the power unit as a whole, while the steering gear, being on the left side of the engine, is wholly within the frame.

Suspension

At the rear the axle is normal, but the suspension consists of two coil springs; and the assembly swings on levers carried forward from the side tubes to an anchorage on the frame. Both front and rear dampers are hydraulic. It will be noticed that the levers which locate the axle are not at the same angle, but give the axle almost a perpendicular movement as the springs flex. The four brakes operated by the pedal have hydraulic mechanism, supplemented by mechanical operation for the lever.

The whole car is very much of sports type, appealing chiefly to the enthusiast. No effort has been made to extend the accommodation by reducing the size of the bonnet, which is enormous. In fact, the car has almost as much bonnet as a racing car, and, following the modern system, wings form part of the side of the body and blend with the bonnet, the lines generally being typically Italian and the style very good indeed. Quite what price will be placed on the new machine when it is offered in the various countries is, of course, impossible to say, but as an engineering job and especially in the difficult circumstances of post-war manufacture, the Maserati ranks very highly indeed, as one would expect from so famous a factory.



A drawing indicating part of the design of the Maserati A-6.

British Designers On Their Mettle

London, Apr. 5.

British automobile manufacturers are busy pepping up their designs and trying to lower their costs in an effort to out-sell US and continental competitors.

The automobile producers are spearheading the Government sponsored export drive. But they complain that restrictions on investment polices, aimed at checking inflation, jeopardize their chances of cutting costs through better machinery and manufacturing methods.

Basic Petrol Allowance Restored

London, Apr. 8.

British motorists may again use their cars for pleasure driving after June 1—but only for 90 miles a month, the Fuel Minister, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, announced in Parliament this afternoon.

This decision, following an intensive campaign by motorists since petrol for pleasure motoring was withdrawn last autumn, will mean that tens of thousands of laid-up cars will again take the roads this summer.

All the petrol needed to restore the "basic" ration for pleasure motoring—it will be only one-third of that issued before last September when motorists could drive their cars 270 miles a month—must come from that saved by the suppression of the blackmarket, Mr. Gaitskell said.

The Government, he disclosed, has decided to accept the main recommendations of the commission of inquiry which last night proposed legislation to ban from the roads for one year motorists caught using blackmarket petrol. —Reuter.

Light Plane Record

A Swedish aircraft recently set up a new long-distance record for light aircraft covering 3,750 miles in one hop. The time taken for this was 30 hours, 52 minutes. The aircraft was fitted with a De Havilland "Gipsy Major" engine, the ultimate war-time development of the Major series. The aircraft required so much fuel for this record flight that it weighed nearly two-and-a-half times as much as with tanks empty. Despite this heavy load the aircraft made a perfect take-off and the engine ran faultlessly throughout the whole flight.

Experts Work In Commons

Engineers and radio experts are working on a project to improve the acoustics for the galleries of the House of Commons. Works Minister Charles Key announced in the House of Commons. He was replying to a Labour Member who suggested an improved system of amplification, particularly in the Press Gallery so that speeches would be recorded accurately.

NUFFIELD EXPORTS

One car or truck is being sent abroad every two and a half minutes of the working day by Nuffield Exports Ltd. This is the company's reply to the Government's appeal for even more exports. Their reaction has been immediate at the end of September, the number of vehicles shipped abroad was 17 percent higher than this record-breaking concern's best previous week.

In nine months ending Sept. 30th the Nuffield Organisation has exported more vehicles than during the whole of 1946, which was their best exporting year. This is an increase of no less than 62 percent over the corresponding period of last year.

New Materials For Road Surfaces

Trasphalte, a new road material, has been laid over the sett-paved main Manchester-Oldham road at Hollinwood, Oldham, Lancs.

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For best results, a car radio aerial should be mounted as far away from any metal part as possible. Probably the best type is that concealed in the roof lining and consisting of some form of mesh or gauze. This cannot, however, be used in cars with all-metal roofs, in which the best form of aerial is the telescopic type.

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A new sub-station of the Road Research Laboratory is to be set up in Scotland by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

For Stopping Radiator Leaks

Recipes for stopping radiator leaks have been current since motoring began, and long before the proprietary compounds came on to the market. One of these simple cures was mustard; another was pea-flour. I remember once driving up to a Park Lane hotel with oceans of mud-coloured porridge pouring from the filler cap, and my passenger laughing so helplessly that she couldn't disembark....Perhaps I used too much pea-flour, or, maybe, it should have been mustard. Anyhow, the experiment did not seem a great success, and since then I have not carried pea-flour in the tool-kit.

Going down to Prescott for the last meeting, though, I rather wished I had had some, because the water-pump gland on my car slacked off and the header-tank emptied itself, subsequently getting so hot that the solder melted from the bottom seam. Devoid of pea-flour, lacking Rad-Weld, Neverleak, or any other preparation for repairing the damage, I tended to despair, until a resourceful and Crusoe-esque passenger, producing a sandwich with an air of "Eureka!", broke off a bit of bread and chewed it into a paste. This, we found, we caulked into the radiator seam, did the trick perfectly, baking into a hard crust with the heat of the engine. We drove 150 miles on that emergency repair, cruising at very high speed, and the bread seal lasted for a week, until the car could be spared for treatment.—King Pin in "The Motor."

Morris Purchase

Morris Motors Ltd. have bought the iron foundry of Thomas Butlin & Co., Wellingborough (a branch of the United Steel Companies Ltd.), to provide potential capacity for tractor and similar types of iron castings.

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A ban on the registration of cars with left-hand drive in Cape Province (South Africa) comes into force with a few exceptions on January 1st, 1949. A test for all road driving license holders every five years is proposed in the Union as a road-safety measure.

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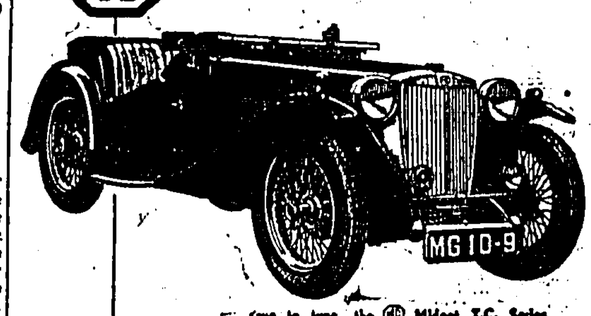

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EUROPE GEARING FOR ERP

Multilateral Treaty To Be Signed Shortly

Executive Board For Marshall Aid

Paris, Apr. 8.

The Foreign Ministers of the 16 non-Communist nations of Europe will speed the Marshall Plan into high gear a week from tomorrow, Paris diplomatic sources said today.

The Ministers, meeting on the eve of the Italian election, will establish a watchdog administration which will channel American goods into Western European factories and farms, to produce prosperity and peace.

Diplomats also will sign a multilateral treaty which pledges their countries to sweat out maximum production and economic self-help for the next four years.

The 16-nation treaty and the charter for the watch dog organization are practically complete, according to diplomatic sources.

The Western European working party currently meeting in Paris is "dotting the i's of the final draft now," sources said.

A full meeting of the Committee for European Economic Co-operation will take place next Monday, to put the finishing touches to the two documents. A few days later, the Foreign Ministers themselves will fly to Paris to sign.

The European Marshall Plan organization will consist of a skeleton council where all 16 nations will be represented by top-level economic experts, with a British delegate to the Committee as chairman, sources said. The British have not yet put forth their chairman.

Executive Board

Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador-designate to the United States, was chairman of the CEEC last year. However, the British Government seems unwilling to spare Sir Oliver for a permanent Marshall Plan post, diplomatic sources revealed.

The Council of 16 nations would meet once or twice a year. It would draw up production programmes and lines of co-operation for the year following.

Sources said the Council would delegate most of its authority to an executive board of five nations, probably consisting of Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden. The chairman of the 16-nation Council would also be chairman of the Executive Board. He would be the man to deal with the United States' Marshall plan administrator.

The Executive Board would hand over day-to-day running of the Marshall Plan in Europe to a Secretary General and his aides.

The two candidates most often mentioned for the post of Secretary General are M. Robert Marjolin, French Foreign Ministry economist, and Dr. Dag Hammerskhold, director of the Swedish National Bank.

All nations have agreed that Europe's Marshall Plan headquarters will be Paris, sources close to the CEEC said.—United Press.

No News But Very Important

Washington, Apr. 8.

Referring today to a "very important" meeting with M. Paul Spaak, Belgian Premier, and the Prince Regent, who are now visiting America, President Truman said that they had the "usual conversation" on the European Recovery Programme, but had not discussed with M. Spaak the question of the United States supporting the Western European Alliance signed in Brussels last month.—Reuter.

MacArthur Commentary

New York, Apr. 8.

Wide sections of the American press regarded the Wisconsin primary as virtually eliminating General Douglas MacArthur from the race for the Republican Presidential nomination and boosting Harold Stassen into position as a formidable contender.

But the Hearst press said the primary "made no change whatsoever in the Republican situation."

The "Baltimore Sun" said all the vote did was show "the Republican voters of Wisconsin, as of now, would rather vote for Mr. Stassen in November than for General MacArthur."—Associated Press.

Britain Seeks Diversion

Washington, Apr. 8.

Britain has asked the United States to take over its financial obligations under the Canadian food contract as part of the European recovery programme, British officials told Reuters here today.

These contracts are for wheat, beef, bacon, eggs and cheese on a fixed price basis.

The amount believed to be involved is between $400 million and $500 million.

Britain's request is due to the fact that she will shortly exhaust the amount which she is scheduled to draw upon her Canadian loan for 1948.

If the European Cooperation Administration agrees to Britain's request, it will be of great assistance to Canada in assuring her dollars.—Reuter.

Habeas Corpus Plea Rejected

Bombay, Apr. 7.

Justice M. M. Coyajee dismissed with costs in the Bombay High Court today, a Habeas Corpus petition challenging the detention under the Public Security Measures Act of S. A. Dange, Communist President of the All India Trade Union Congress.

Dange who was among the Communists rounded up on April 2, was driven to prison from one exit while supporters demonstrated shouting "long live Dange" at another.

Police on Wednesday night raided the Communist "New Age" printing press, printing leaflets inciting workers to strike and to protest against Dange's detention.

More and more Communist leaders are reported going underground, the latest being the lawyer Rajani Patel, who appeared for Dange in the High Court on April 2. Patel was absent today and new counsel argued for Dange.—Associated Press.

Palestine Truce Efforts Deadlocked

New York, Apr. 8.

United Nations negotiations for a Palestine truce verged in failure tonight.

Neither the Arabs nor the Jews budged from their conflicting positions on what would be needed to halt increasing Holy Land bloodshed.

After two hours of private negotiations with delegates of the Arab Higher Committee and 90 minutes with spokesmen for the Jewish Agency, Senor Alfonso Lopez of Colombia (President of the Security Council) announced: "Prospects (for a truce) are not as favourable as I anticipated."

Jamal el Husseini of the Arab Higher Committee said flatly that the Arabs in Palestine would not negotiate with the Jewish Agency and that truce without "justice" was impossible.

Dr. Moshe Shertok of the Jewish Agency said he saw no "bridge" which could bring the Arabs and Jews together on a cease fire agreement.

Senor Lopez, negotiating with the aid of the UN Secretary General (Mr. Trygve Lie), decided to make another try on Saturday when, he said, he might try to bring Dr. Shertok and Mr. Husseini into the same room for the first United Nations Jewish-Arab talks on a truce.

The Colombian diplomat said neither the Arabs nor the Jews had altered their positions. Previously, the Arabs had demanded abandonment of plans for a Jewish State in Palestine as the price of a truce and the Jews had insisted no truce could be possible if partition were abandoned.—United Press.

Bombers To Fly Over Germany

Berlin, Apr. 8.

British light and heavy bombers based in the United Kingdom will fly over the British Zone of Germany tonight on their way to make a mock attack on the island fortress of Heligoland, it was learned here.

In the course of their flight, the bombers—Lincolns and Mosquitos—will pass over Hanover, only 60 miles from the border of the Russian Zone.

Night fighters from Royal Air Force stations in Germany will try to intercept the bombers and home-based fighters will attempt interception when the bomber force is on its way back to their base.—Reuter.

Stockholm, Apr. 8.

The Swedish-Czechoslovak Association here decided today to dissolve itself because "a free cultural exchange between the two countries can no longer be maintained".—Reuter.

Sir Victor Sassoon's Predictions

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

In spite of the "war of nerves" there is no immediate danger of a third World War as long as the Democracies are strong and firm in their dealings with the Soviet Union and do not slacken in their military preparedness, Sir Victor Sassoon declared in a Rotary Club luncheon address yesterday.

The speaker, however, pointed out that the Russians were employing the same "war of nerves" methods that Hitler had developed, and through it had guided Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Finland into her orbit of influence, and would probably get Austria and Italy to go the same way.

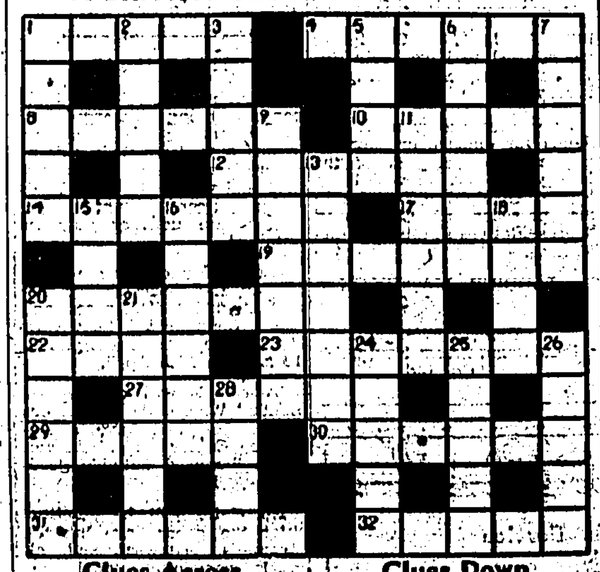
Sir Victor thought that Generalissimo Stalin would stage a series of tactical retreats and advances in the hope that the people of the Democracies would think he was bluffing.

As a result, they would slow down the defensive preparedness.

The Generalissimo could do this with safety, knowing that the Democracies would never start a war, and all the time he would move his key industries into camouflaged sites to protect them from bombing.

At the same time, Sir Victor added, Stalin would continue towards production of the atomic bomb.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Substantial. 4 Come into view. 8 Abrogate. 10 Performed. 12 Looking-glass. 14 Introduction. 17 Intend. 19 Ingredient. 20 Join together 22 Object of worship. 23 Mould. 27 Command. 29 Get up. 30 Fur. 31 Swift. 32 Taut.

Clues Down

1 Small piece. 2 Fall from grace. 3 Theatrical entertainment. 5 Fruit. 6 Course. 7 Gnawing animal. 9 Authorisation. 11 Involve. 13 Set free. 15 Measure of area. 16 Mythical stories. 18 Soon. 20 Smokes. 21 Easily moved. 24 Walk pompously. 25 Cake covering. 26 Welcome. 28 Flock.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD
Across—33 Produced, 5 Loom, 9 Sediment, 11 Realises, 13 Spar, 15 Palatial, 16 Stressed, 19 Vest, 21 American, 25 Partisan, 26 Laud, 27 Deposits, 7
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SHIP	TO	SAILING
"LANCASHIRE"	Kure	17th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	24th Apr.
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"CANTON"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London (Tilbury)	15th May
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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SIRDHANA"	Japan & Amoy	1st May

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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"BERLAGE"	In port.	Manila, Macassar, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia. 15th April.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

	Due from	Loading for
"BOISSEVAIN"	South America South Africa on or about 19th April. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan 20th Apr.	Manila, Singapore, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro. on or about 5th May.
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ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE TALKS TO CONTINUE

London, Apr. 8.

The present tension between the Soviet and other occupying powers over Germany will not affect the long-term Anglo-Soviet trade negotiations, due to begin probably in London at the end of May, it is authoritatively learned tonight.

The negotiations are also unaffected by the present decision of the United States to stop the export of materials capable of being adapted to war use.

No such materials, it is understood, are in any case included in the scope of the Anglo-Soviet discussions, unless light railway equipment could be termed military stores.

The British team of negotiators will be led by Mr. Arthur Bottomley, the Minister for Oversees Trade, acting for the Board of Trade President, Mr. Harold Wilson.

In the short-term negotiations at the end of last year, Britain secured 750,000 tons of coarse grains. Wheat was then discussed, but none was the subject of negotiation. This time, Britain will endeavour to obtain supplies of wheat, timber, certain non-ferrous metals and, if possible, some flax.

Delivery dates are likely to be a key subject of the discussion in connection with Russia's requirements, which are understood to be principally industrial.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The blame for the present quiet state of the market cannot altogether be laid on the observance of the "Ching Ming" Festival. The market has entered a period of partial stagnation, though China Lights enjoy the distinction of being the only really active counter. Indications of any revival of interest generally in the market soon fade away to the background. It is not surprising then that quotations show a tendency to drift downwards, whilst Old Telephones have been subjected to a certain amount of pressure. Dividends declared this week are:—Shanghai Docks 70 cents (H.K.) and H.K. & W. Docks 70 cents, less tax.

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RUBBER PRICES

New York, Apr. 9.

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France's Sterling Deficit

Paris, Apr. 8.

France today proposed a meeting of the Financial Ministers of Britain, France and the Benelux countries to consider ways of sharing the burden of France's sterling deficit, estimated at £80,000,000 this year.

Britain and the Dominions have expressed their willingness to find a solution which will guarantee the continued flow of raw materials from the sterling area into France, while Britain, it was learned, is willing to help France by increasing the French purchases from £10,000,000 to £15,000,000 annually.

Mr. Ernest Bevin has had Cabinet discussions in London to find a way for France to maintain her essential imports from the sterling area (chiefly such raw materials as wool, cotton and jute)—without Britain having to abandon her declared policy of not giving credits in such cases.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CREDIT

Washington, Apr. 8.

The Export Import Bank approved arrangements today establishing a $4,625,000 credit for Italian handicraft industries.

Th credit will be used to purchase raw materials and equipment from the United States.—Associated Press.

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London Stock Exchange

London, Apr. 8.

Investment demand in London's stock markets was today conspicuous by its absence. There was, however, a certain amount of speculative activity favouring South African Free State gold mines and South American utilities.

Among the former, Middle Wits rose to 83/9 with rumour-mongers again reaping the harvest of the rise which took place on hopes of good developments in the near future.

Other non-payers were also in demand at the expense of established dividend payers.

On news of the take-over of the Rosario Drainage by the Argentine Government, Anglo-Argentine Trams and other utilities were bought and recorded improvements.

The gilt-edged market today looked very sick as a result of continued small selling. Losses were up to a quarter per cent with new electricity down three per cent at 97-⅝.

Improvements among industrials were generally small and prices remained steady as a whole.

Oils recorded some irregularity with profittaking reducing Venezuelan Concessions to 5-11/16.

Among foreign bonds, Brazilian issues were again supported.

SECURITIES:

	Apr. 8
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Conversion Loan, 3½% 1961	103-¾
Funding Loan, 4% 1960/90	111-¼
War Loan, 3½% 1952	103-7/16
War Loan, 3½%	103
Victory Bonds, 4%	113-⅛
British Transport 5%	95-¾
INDUSTRIALS:	
Marks & Spencer, ord.	70/4 4½
Pinchin Johnson, ord.	67/ 9
Standard Motors, ord	28/—
Vickers Ltd., ord.	29/ 3
Woolworth (F.W.) Co., ord.	84/10½
MINES:	
Burma Corp.	6/—
Crown Mines	4-⅝
Rand Mines	6-13/16
Spring Mines	8/9
Sub-Nigels	4-11/15
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE:	
Chartered Bank	12- 7/16
H.K. & Shanghai	120-1/2
Mercantile Bank	22
MINING SHARES:	
Cons. Goldfields of S. Africa	65/9
Con. Tin Mines of Burma	2/4½
Indian Copper Corp.	4/6
New Union Goldfields	5/—
Orange Free States Trust	59/9
Free States Developments	36/10½
Rooderand	14/-
Cons. Main Reef	42/3
Saint Helenas	48/9
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France Rejects Czech Protest

Paris, Apr. 8.

France, in a note to Czechoslovakia today, rejected responsibility for the attempted flight from Czechoslovakia of two former Czech Ministers, Monsignor Jan Sramek and Frantisek Hala.

The French reply was to a Czechoslovak allegation that members of the French Embassy in Prague had "abetted" the attempt. It was confirmed in Prague today that Mgr. Sramek is in a monastery while Hala is awaiting trial.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Markets

New York, Apr. 9.

The stock market approached within a shade of its 1948 peak after absorbing a lot of profit taking. The rail average made another high for 18 months.

Share volume crossed the million mark for the 14th session in three weeks. 1,060,000 shares were traded.

A few aircrafts pushed up on expectations of big military orders. Tops for the year were touched by Nickel Plate, Railroad up 2 ⅞ at 57½, Superior Oil of California up three at 103, International Paper up 2 ⅝ at 54, US Smelting up 1 ½ at 49 ⅝, Continental Steel up 1 ⅜ at 18½, and Montgomery Ward.

Dow Jones Averages:—Stocks 65.41, 20 Industrials 178.80, 15 Rails 64.90, 10 Utilities 33.75.

Closing quotations:—Adams Express 17½, Alaska Juneau 3⅝, American Can 81¾, American Smelting 58, American Telephone 150⅝, American Tobacco 61, American Waterworks 7⅛, Anaconda Copper 35⅞, Aviation Corp. 5⅝, Baldwin Locomotive 14⅞, Barnsdall 33⅛, Bendix Aviation 33½, Bethlehem Steel 34⅝, Boeing Aircraft 27½, Borden Co. 41½, Canadian Pacific 12⅝, J. I. Case 40½, Chrysler 60, Colgate 44½, Commercial Solvents 24½, Corn Products 65⅝, Dupont 175¼, Eastman Kodak 48⅝, Electric Light & Power 18⅛, General Electric 38⅝, General Motors 56⅝, Goodrich 54, Goodyear 41⅛, Homestake Mining 38⅛, International Harvester 90¼, International Paper 54, International Tel & Tel 12⅝, Johns Manville 38⅛, Kennecott Copper 54¼, Montgomery Ward 57⅛, National Distillers 20⅝, National Lead 34⅞, New York Central 14⅝, Packard Motors 4⅛, Pan American Airways 9⅝, Pennsylvania RR 19, Radio Corp. 9⅝, Republic Steel 26½, Reynolds Tobacco 35⅝, Schenley 30½, Sears Roebuck 38⅛, Shell Oil 33¼, Socony Vacuum 17¾, Southern Pacific 31⅝, Standard Brands 24½, Standard Oil of Calif. 63½, Standard Oil of N. J. 78¼, Studebaker 19¼, Union Bag 33, Union Carbide 105, US Rubber 41⅞, US Steel 74⅞, US Lines 19⅝, Westinghouse 29, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 70⅛, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12⅞.—Associated Press.

ATTACK ON AIR RECORD

London, Apr. 8.

The De Havilland Aircraft and Engine Companies announced today they propose to attack the 100-kilometres closed circuit record, using a DH-108 experimental aircraft with a De Havilland Goblin jet engine, to be flown by Mr. John Perry.

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"YOCHOW"	Keelung & Shanghai	noon 14th Apr. *
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai ...	4 p.m. 14th Apr. *
"HUPEH"	Amoy Foochow & Tientsin ...	10 a.m. 17th Apr. *
"PAKHOI"	Singapore Port Swettenham ...	4 p.m. 18th Apr.
"NINGHAI"	Yokohama Kobe	4 p.m. 21st Apr.
"YOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon, Batavia & Banka	10 a.m. 28th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon	2nd week May *
"HUNAN"	Amoy, Inchon & Tientsin	10 a.m. 15th May *

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ARRIVALS FROM

"TSINAN"	Swatow	a.m. 11th April
"YOCHOW"	Java, Singapore	11th April
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	7 a.m. 12th Apr.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin, Shanghai, & Foochow	12th Apr.
"NANCHANG"	Singapore	15th Apr.
"PAKHOI"	Yokohama & Nagasaki	15th Apr.
"NINGHAI"	Singapore Bangkok ...	18th Apr.
"SOOCHOW"	Pusan	18th Apr.
"YUNNAN"	Singapore	20th Apr.

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"GLENOGLE"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	16th April
"AENEAS"	U.K. via Straits	19th April

Sailings to

"ACHILLES"	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, and Glasgow via Port Said	22nd April
"GLAUCUS"	Liverpool via Port Said	4th week April

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Arrivals From:

Southampton Via Bangkok
April 11, BOAC, 2 p.m.

Manila
April 10, Pan-American, 1.45 p.m.
April 10, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.
April 13, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
April 14, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
April 14, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.
April 16, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton
H.K. Airways, four times daily: 10.55 a.m. 1.05 p.m., 2.35 p.m., 5.55 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok
April 11, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
April 12, BOAC, 4 p.m.
April 14, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Iwakuni
April 11, BOAC, (Capt. Reid) 3 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai)
April 16, Pan-American, 12.30 p.m.
April 23, Pan-American, 12.30 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila)
April 10, Pan-American, 1.45 p.m.
April 14, Pan-American, 1.45 p.m.

New York
(Via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok)
April 13, Pan-American, 12.30
April 14, Pan-American, 12.30 p.m.

Singapore
April 10, BOAC, (Capt. Carey), 4 p.m.
April 12, BOAC, (Capt. Allen), 4 p.m.

Departures To:

Southampton Via Bangkok
April 12, BOAC, 8 a.m.

Oslo
April 10, Braathens, 9 a.m.

Manila
April 10, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.
April 12, Cathay Pacific, 2.30
April 13, Pan-American, 2 p.m.
April 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 2.30 p.m.
April 15, Pan-American, 2 p.m.

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April 11, BOAC, 7.30 a.m.
April 12, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
April 16, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

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Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
April 10, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.
April 13, Philippine Airlines, 11 a.m.
April 13, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Canton
H.K. Airways, four times daily: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 4 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu)
April 14, Pan-American, 12 noon.
April 21, Pan-American, 12 noon.

San Francisco
(via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu)
April 13, Pan-American, 2 p.m.
April 15, Pan-American, 2 p.m.

New York
(Via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London)
April 10, Pan-American, 3.15
April 16, Pan-American, 3.15 p.m.

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By Air

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila P.L., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Saigon & Paris (Reg.) 11.30 a.m., (Ord.) Noon.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki 2.00 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung and Shanghai 9.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta 9.00 a.m.
Manila 10 a.m.
Amoy 10 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow noon.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki 2.00 p.m.
Canton (2nd class mail only) 2 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki 4.00 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd Class mail) 5.00 p.m.
Kongmoon 5.00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, Closing Times By Air
Canton (Kow. C.P.O.) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., (G.P.O.) 9.30 a.m., noon.
Airmail for Rangoon, Karachi, Bahrein, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo) Augusta and London (Kow. C.P.O.) Reg. 10/4 8 p.m.; Ord. 11/4 10 a.m.; (G.P.O.) Reg. 10/4 8 p.m., Ord. 11/4. 10 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 10/4 8 p.m.; (Ord.) 11/4 10 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping; Airmail for Taiwan, (Reg.) 10/4 8 p.m.; (Ord.) 11/4 10 a.m.
Airmail for Kunming and Calcutta (Reg.) 10/4 8 p.m.; (Ord.) 11/4 10 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Foochow (Reg.) 10/4 8 p.m.; (Ord.) 11/4 10 a.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki 8 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki 10 a.m.
Canton (2nd class mail only) 10 p.m.
Kongmoon 10 a.m.
Straits 10 a.m.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Berlage (RIL), Dutch, 4,886 tons, from Kobe, Capt. W. J. Vrolyk .... A8.
Haiyang (Douglas), British, from Swatow ..... Doug. Whf.
Sandviken (Jebshun), Norwegian, 1,775 tons, from Swatow, Capt. K. D. Olsen ..... Ymt.

TODAY

Contest (USL) from Atlantic Ports.
Rubystone (Mac. Mac.) from Shanghai
Tjisadane (RIL) from Java Ports
Teng 1404, (B. & S.) from United Kingdom via Straits.
Yan Tai (CMSN) from Tsamkong.

TOMORROW

Andaman from Atlantic Coast.
Sea Serpent from American Ports.
Tsinan from Swatow.
Yochow from Java Ports via Singapore.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Alphacca for Shanghai.
Bougainville for Los Angeles.
China Mail for Manila, Cebu.
Fernwood for Manila.
Pei Teh for Swatow.
Reechuen for Swatow, Saigon, Bangkok.
Tatra for Manila.
Tilan for Singapore.
Wa Chung for Manila.

TODAY

Choysang for Keelung, Shanghai.
Esang for Calcutta.
Haiyang for Swatow.
Sandviken for Manila.

TOMORROW

Mankato Victory for Los Angeles.
Newchwang for Singapore.
Rubystone for Singapore.
Yan Tai for Tsamkong.

Vessels In Port

Adinda (B. & S.) ..... Nth. Pt. Inst.
Amaranthus (Wheelock) ..... S.S. Po
Annlock (Wallem) ..... S.S. Po
Berlage (RIL) ..... A5.
Bushwood ..... Kln. Bay
Carmen Moller (Moller's) ..... S.S.
Catherine (S.E. Asia) ..... Yaumati
Choysang (Jardine) .... No. 2, K. Whf.
Christer Salen (Bank) A1
Dagmar Salen (Wm. Hunt) .... A9.
Empire Maple (Jardine's) .... Yaumati
Esang (Jardine) ..... B2.
Fengtien (B. & S.) B14
Hai Lee (Thoreson) ..... J18.
Hai Tan (Douglas) ..... Co.'s Whf.
Haiyang (Douglas) ..... Doug. Whf.
Haida (Wo Fat Shing) .....S.S. Po
Helikon (Wo Fat Shing) ..... B5.
Hock Lim (Ho Seng) ..... S.C.
Kharkov (Wallem) ..... S.C.
Lady Wolmer (Wheelock) ..... Y.M.T.
Larkslock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Mansang (Jardine) ..... A15.
Newchwang (B. & S.) ..... A15.
Nieuw Holland (R.I.L.) B15
Panamanian (Wallem) ..... S. Cutters
Poyang (B. & S.) B4
Sandviken (Jebshun) ..... Ymt.
Shantung (B. & S.) ..... Ymt.
Shapur (Bank) ..... Mac. Whf.
Sirdhana (Mac. Mac.) ..... A7.
Solarium (B. & S.) ..... Talkoo Dk.
Soochow (B. & S.) B16
Takesang (Jardine) ..... B Buoy.
Trianon (Thoreson) A1
Turkshead (Everett) ..... Kln. Dk.
Valsella (B. & S.) ..... Tai Kok Tsui
Willow Bank (Bank Line) ..... A9.

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May
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AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

April
Andaman (De La Rama) 11
Andrew Jackson ..... end
Chastine Maersk (Jebsen) ex-New York 26
Durango Victory (USL) ex-New York 26
English Prince (Jardine) ex-New York 21
Flying Arrow (Pattison) ex-New York ..... early
Grete Maersk (Jebsen) ex-New York 22
Mindoro (De La Rama) 12
Pioneer Wave (USL) 14
Pioneer Lake (U.S.L.) 24
President Grant (APL) 22
Sea Serpent (USL) 18
May
Bali (De La Rama) via Los Angeles 20
Laura Maersk (Jebsen) ex-New York 17
P & T Pathfinder (Gourlie) ex-New York ..... Mid
Silveroak (R.I.L.) ..... early
Steel Executive (Gilman) ex-NY and Pacific Coast ..... end

PACIFIC COAST

April
Andaman (De La Rama) 11
Britain Victory (USL) ex-San Francisco. 22
Castleville from Pacific Ports 22
Chastine Maersk (Jebsen) 25
Contest (USL) ex-San Francisco .. 19
English Prince (Jardine) 21
Linfield Victory (Jardine) 13
Louis Mcll Howe (APL) 15
New Zealand Victory (Jardine) ex-San Francisco 17
Pioneer Wave (APL) from N. York 15
Pres. Grant (APL) ex-San Francisco 22
Pres. Monroe (APL) ex-San Francisco 23
Sea Serpent (USL) ex-San Francisco 11
Surprise (USL) ex-San Francisco .. 30
May
Capital Victory (Jardine) ex-San Francisco 26
China Bear (USL) ex-San Francisco 3
China Transport (Jardine) ex-San Francisco. 43
Lightning (USL) ex-San Francisco 10
Laura Maersk (Jebsen) 17
Manchuria (East Asiatic) ..... —
Marine Snapper (APL) ex-San Francisco 6
Pacific Transport (Jardine) ex-San Francisco 25
Scott E Land (APL) ex-San Francisco 1
Steel Executive (Gilman) ex-Atlantic and Pacific Coast ..... end

AUSTRALIA

May
Nankin (Mac. Mac.) 5
Shansi (B & S) 28

CHINA

April
Britain Victory (USL) ex-Shanghai 19
English Prince (Jardine) ex-Shanghai —
New Zealand Victory (Jardine) ex-Shanghai 23
Sirdhana Agent) ex-Shanghai 29
Tjisalaka (RIL) ex-Amoy 12
Truscan (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai 23
Wisconsin (Jardine) ex-Shanghai .. 12
Chenanko (Jardine) ex-Hongkong 29

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EUROPE

April
Achilles (B & S) ex-UK via USA .. 18
Breconshire (Jardine) ex-UK 28
Glengarry (Jardine) ex-UK 22
Glenogle (B. & S.) ex-U.K. 15
Glenstrae (Jardine ex-UK 22
Kambodia (East Asiatic) 20
Lancashire (Mac. Mac.) ex-UK 16
Maron (B & S) ex-UK 12
Brynje (Gilman) ..... end
Trevelyan (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits 20
May
Benarty (Loxley) ex-UK .....early
Benmacdhui (Loxley) ex-U.K. .... end
Brecnarhan (Loxley) ex-UK ..... Mid
Canton (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K. and Straits 19
Glengyle (Jardine) ex-U.K. 9
Halland (Gilman) ..... end
Mangalore (Gilman) ..... early
Ridderkerk (RIL) 8
Trevean (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits 13
June
Denbighshire (Jardine) ex UK ....early
Glenartney (B. & S.) ex-U.K. ..early
Matiekerk (R.I.L.) ex-Continent .. early
Trevose (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits 13

INDIA

April
Eastern Saga (Jardine) ex-Calcutta, Rangoon, Straits 28

JAPAN

April
Alphacca (RIL) 28
Coastal Buccaneer (Everett) 12
Pakhoi (B. & S.) ex-Yokohama, Nagasaki 15
Kutsang (Jardine) ex-Yokohama, Kobe 26
May
Nankin (Mac. Mac.) 17
Sirdhana (Mac. Mac.) ex-Japan & Amoy 1

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

April
Breconshire (Jardine) ex-Singapore 28
Eastern Saga (B. & S.) ex-Straits .. 28
English Prince (Jardine) ex-Manila —
Flying Arrow (Pattison) ex-Manila Mid
Glengarry (Jardine) ex-Singapore .. 19
Linfield Victory (Jardine) ex-Manila 15
Ninghai (B. & S.) ex-Singapore, Bangkok 18
President Grant (APL) ex-Manila .. 22
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Manila 12
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore .. 24
Yochow (B. & S.) ex-Java, Singapore 11

SOUTH AMERICA

April
Boissevain (RIL) 19
May
Strait Malacca (RIL) ..... Mid

SAILINGS TO

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

Apr.
14 Lasalle ..... (Wallem)
14 Andaman ..... (De La Rama)
15 Pres. Grant for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan ..... (A.P.L.)
21 English Prince ..... (Jardine)
22 Andrew Jackson for New York ..... (Wallem)
21 Pres. Grant for San Francisco via
23 Tamara via Los Angeles ..... (De La Rama)
23 Pres. Grant for New York (A.P.L.)
26 Pres. Monroe for New York (A.P.L.)
27 Durange Victory for New York and other Atlantic Ports via Panama .. .. (U.S.L.)
30 Pioneer Wave for New York via Panama ..... (USL)
May
3 Scott E. Land for N. York (A.P.L.)
5 Sally Maersk for N. York (Jebsen)
5 Marine Snapper ..... (A.P.L.)
5 Roseville for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Vancouver, Seattle. ..... (Bank Line)
16 Grete Maersk ..... (Jebsen).
17 Pres Polk ..... (A.P.L.)
23 Bali (De La Rama) via Los Angeles
25 Chastine Maersk ..... (Jebsen).
June.
27 Laura Maersk for N. York (Jebsen)

PACIFIC COAST

Apr.
11 Mankato Victory for Los Angeles ..... (A.P.L.)
12 Sea Serpent for San Francisco (USL)
14 Andaman for Los Angeles ..... (De La Rama)
19 Linfield Victory for Los Angeles .. via Manila ..... (A.P.L.)
..... (A.P.L.)
Mid. Kookaburra ..... (Moller)
17 Louis McH. Howe ..... (A.P.L.)
20 Contest for San Francisco .. (USL)
21 Pres. Grant for San Francisco via Kobe Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
23 Britain Victory for San Francisco via Kobe ..... (A.P.L.)
24 General Gordon for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
26 Pres. Monroe ..... (A.P.L.)
May
1 Pres. Cleveland for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
1 Surprise for San Francisco .. (USL)
2 Pres. Taft for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
3 Scott E. Land ..... (A.P.L.)
3 Surprise ..... (U.S.L.)
4 China Bear ..... (U.S.L.)
4 Pres. Pierce for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
8 Marine Snapper ..... (A.P.L.)
12 Lightning ..... (U.S.L.)
15 Gen. Meigs for San Francisco via Manila, Honolulu ..... (A.P.L.)
Mid. Villa ..... (Moller)
18 Pres. McKinley, for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama .....(A.P.L.)
June
1 Pres. Wilson for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
Mid. Vingnes ..... (Mollers)
Aug.
Early. Vito ..... (Mollers)

CANADA

April
Mid. Lake Chilliwack for Vancouver .. .. (Jardine)
May
8 Roseville for Vancouver, Seattle .... Bank Line)

CHINA

April
12 Sirdhana for Amoy, Shanghai, Japan ..... (Mac. Mac.)
13 Tsinan for Swatow .... (B. & S.)
14 Fusan for Korea, Atlantic Ports .. .. (Wallem)
14 Shengking for Shanghai .. (B. & S.)
14 Yochow for Keelung, Shanghai .... (B. & S.)
17 Tjisadane for Amoy, Swatow (R.I.L.)
17 Hupeh for Amoy, Foochow, Tientsin ..... (B. & S.)
20 Boissevain for Shanghai .....(RIL)
Mid. Flying Arrow for Shanghai ..... (Pattison)
Mid. Glenstrae for Shanghai (Jardine)
Mid. Kookaburra for Shanghai (Moller)
20 Linfield Victory for Shanghai .... (Jardine)
21 Pres. Grant for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, ... (APL)
24 General Gordon for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
24 Trevelyan for Shanghai (Mac. Mac.)
Late. Breconshire for Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
May
Early. Glengyle for Shanghai (Jardine)
1 Pres. Cleveland for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
1 Pres. Taft for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan ..... (APL)
3 Trevean for Shanghai . (Mac. Mac.)
5 Nankin for Japan via Shanghai .. .. (Mac. Mac.)
10 Haiyang for Amoy, Swatow .... (Douglas)
15 Trevose for Japan via Shanghai .. .. (Mac. Mac.)
18 China Transport for Shanghai .... (Jardine)
25 Trevean for Shanghai ..(Mac. Mac)
27 Pacific Transport for Shanghai .... (Jardine)

EUROPE

April
13 Mindoro for Continent via Aden, Port Said ..... (Gilman)
19 Achilles for Glascow via Pt. Said, Havre, Marseilles, Genoa (B. & S.)
20 Kambodia for Continent via Aden, Pt. Said ..... (East Asiatic)
and Glaucus for Liverpool via Pt. Said ..... (B. & S.)
25 Alphacca for Europe via Manila, Singapore ..... (RIL)
May
5 Trevelyan for U.K., Continent via Aden ..... (Mac. Mac.)
7 Benarty for London, Antwerp .... (Loxley)
15 Canton for U.K., via Straits ..... (Mac. Mac.)
Mid Brynje for Continent via Pt. Said ..... (Gilman)
25 Trevean for U.K., and Continent via Straits ..... (Mac. Mac.)
Late. Benmacdhui for Rotterdam, Antwerp ..... (Loxley)
June
Early Halland for Continent via Pt. Said ..... (Gilman)
2 Ridderkerk ..... (R.I.L.)

JAPAN

April
12 Sirdhana via Amoy, Shanghai .... (Mac. Mac.)
17 Lancashire, for Kure .. (Mac. Mac.)
20 Boissevain via Shanghai .... (RIL)
21 Pres. Grant for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
23 Ninghai for Yokohama, Kobe (B.&S.)
23 Britain Victory for San Francisco via Kobe ..... (USL)
May
1 Pres. Taft for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
4 Pres. Pierce for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
5 Nankin via Shanghai .. (Mac. Mac.)
12 China Transport for Yokohama via Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
17 Pres. McKinley for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama .... (A.P.L.)
24 Pacific Transport for Yokohama via Shanghai ..... (Jardine)

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

April
11 Newchwang for Singapore (B. & S.)
11 Rubystone for Singapore (Mac. Mac.)
12 Pioneer Wave for Manila .. (USL)
14 Empire Park for Bangkok (Jebshun)
14 Tjitjalengka for Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya, Macassar ..... (R.I.L.)
20 Tjisadane for Manila, Amoy (RIL)
18 Heinrich Jessen for Singapore, Penang, Belawan Deli .... (R.I.L.)
18 Pakhoi for Singapore .... (B. & S.)
21 Newzealand Victory for Manila .. .. (Jardine)
24 Castleville for Singapore, Batavia .. .. (Bank Line)
25 Pioneer Wave for Manila .. (USL)
25 Linfield Victory for Manila, Pacific Coast ..... (Jardine)
25 Ville de Strasbourg for Haiphong .. .. (Mac. Mac.)
28 Tjisadane for Batavia-Semarang, Sourabaya-Macassar ..... (R.I.L.)
May
2 Van Heutsz for Singapore, Penang, Belawan Deli ..... (R.I.L.)
3 Sirdhana for Calcutta via Singapore ..... (Mac. Mac.)
4 Alphacca for Continent via Manila, Singapore ..... (RIL)
15 Canton for U.K., via Singapore.
17 Philippine transport for Manila ..... (Jardine)

SOUTH AMERICA

May
5 Boissevain for Rio de Janeiro via Manila, Capetown ..... (R.I.L.)
June
Early Strait Malakka via South Africa.

AUSTRALIA

Apr.
26 Soochow for Sydney & Melbourne .. .. (B. & S.)
May
20 Nankin for Sydney and Brisbane via Manila, Sandakan, Rabaul ..... (Mac. Mac.)

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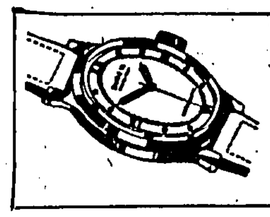

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Palestine Evacuation

Jerusalem, Apr. 7.

Some 6,208 Britons will be evacuated from Palestine on May 15, it was officially revealed in Jerusalem today.

They will comprise Government officials and police personnel and their families. —Associated Press.

Communist Fraud Exposed

Rome, Apr. 7.

A Communist attempt to "steal the coming Italian elections by fraud" was claimed in Rome today by a high Government official.

The official, connected with the Foreign Ministry, said in an interview that Communist agents were "obtaining by fraud and then destroying the voting certificates of known Government supporters especially in the South."

The certificates must be shown by Italy's 29,000,000 registered voters at the poll on April 18.

A sweeping Government operation to stamp out the illegal activity was reported to be under way. Numerous dispatches to Rome newspapers told of the arrest of left wing agents allegedly engaged in "seizing certificates" in the South.

The Communist Mayor of San Giorno, and his Secretary, were arrested on charges of "grave irregularities" and "sabotage of the electoral list."—Associated Press.

GALE DRAMA

Aberystwyth, Apr. 8.

The seven men crew of a French trawler were brought ashore here today after battling a nightlong gale with one of their ship's anchor cables snapped and engine trouble.

The local lifeboat took the men off in response to a distress signal from the ship, the "Claude of Lorient."

A crew member said the vessel had not been home since March 17, and had encountered rough weather off the Irish coast.—Associated Press.

Jews Driven Out Of Mount Kastel

Jerusalem, Apr. 8.

Abdul Kader Hussaini, the veteran Arab guerilla leader and a kinsman of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, was killed today leading an Arab storming party up the side of Mount Castel to recapture the Arab village, five miles west of Jerusalem, from Haganah forces who have held it for five days, semi-official Arab sources said here tonight.

There was no official confirmation of the Arab report, which said that Abdul Kader's body was carried to his headquarters near the Arab stronghold of Ramallah, 12 miles to the north of Jerusalem.

The Jewish seizure of the stronghold was made during their drive to get a big food convoy through the Arab blockade to Jerusalem.

The Arab capture of the strategic hill village of Castel was officially confirmed tonight. British Sappers brought back to Jerusalem four seriously wounded Jews out of a party of 30, most of whom were wounded.

One dead Arab and nine wounded were taken to the Palestine Government hospital, it was officially stated.

British armoured vehicles went in to evacuate the besieged Haganah men who have been under constant Arab counter-attack for the past five days.

According to a Jewish eyewitness at a roadblock on the outskirts of Jerusalem, British troops brought in several truckloads of dead and wounded Jews.

One lorry, filled with Jewish casualties, overturned as it approached Jerusalem.

Air Attack

In the struggle for Castel, the Arab troops, organised by Abdul Kader, who had made a hasty return from Damascus, swept on from Castel in pursuit of the fleeing Haganah forces, and were tonight reported to be heavily engaged around the village of Motza, a mile and a half from the hill where Husseini died.

Earlier, Jewish aircraft had dropped bombs on the Arabs encircling the village in an unsuccessful effort to breach the cordon and either permit Haganah reinforcements to enter or facilitate a breakout. The position of the Jewish forces had become critical.

An Arab press photographer who watched the battle said the Haganah then made a sortie in force from Castel and broke out through the Arab cordon under intense enemy fire.

4,000 In Attack

He said the Arab force—consisted of about 4,000 men. The Jewish defenders who succeeded in penetrating the Arab cordon reached the Jewish settlement of Motza. He personally counted 14 dead Jews which was supported by mortars.

Crowds of Arabs went out from Jerusalem for the final attack, which was supported by mortars.

When the news of Castel's recapture reached Jerusalem, the Arabs in the Old City and around the Jaffa Gate fired their guns in the air to celebrate.

Unofficial Arab sources claimed Jewish casualties in the battle totalled many scores.

Abdul Kader Husseini, who took a prominent part in the Arab disorders in Palestine in 1936, was recently described as the commander of the Arab fighting forces in the Jerusalem area.

In February, he claimed responsibility for the big explosion in Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, when many Jews were killed.

He was wounded in an encounter with British forces during the 1938 disorders and fled from the country when the Palestine Government offered £200 for his capture. He returned secretly to Palestine at the end of last year to organise Arab resistance.

Booby Trap

Haganah sources said Husseini was killed when he entered a booby trapped house in Castel village and was buried in wreckage as a mine left by the Jews exploded.

The Arabs said tonight that Husseini was killed by gunfire as he was storming a house in Castel, and that the Jews mutilated his body by cutting off his head before retreating.

Husseini, who was 38, was a cousin of Haj Amin El Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

The Jews besieged in the settlement of Mishmaer Haemen, south of Haifa, tonight rejected surrender terms from the Arabs. Fawzi El Kawakji, the Arab field commander, thereupon ordered his field artillery to reopen the bombardment of the settlement, according to a report reaching Jerusalem tonight.

Water Crisis

Meanwhile, Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews spent the afternoon laying in reserves of water following a Government broadcast that the city's water supply would be "interrupted" owing to fuel shortage.

The threatened water shortage will affect the Jews more than the Arabs who hold the famed Solomon's Pools, Jerusalem's main reserve in the normal summer drought, while the Arab villages fringing the city rely mainly on centuries-old wells.—Reuter.

Court's Warning On Opium

"When we get these large amounts I am going to send the carriers to prison without the option of a fine. This must be stopped."

That was the warning issued by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday after he had sentenced two women to six months' hard labour each for being in possession of raw opium on April 8.

In the first case, Lau Kwai, 30-year-old married woman, had 23 taels of the drug hidden in the beam of the roof of the rear part of premises when Revenue Officer Fowler raided 64 Parkes Street, first floor.

Later in the morning, Mr. Latimer gave Lau Kwai the option of a fine of $2,300 on being informed by Mr. Hugh-Jones, defending, that defendant was an expectant mother.

Described by Revenue Officer D. H. Knox as "one of the carrier," 43-year-old spinster Chi Ah-yung had 21 taels of raw opium in her possession when she was searched at the K.C.R. Station at 5.40 p.m. on Thursday.

Arrested at the K.C.R. Station at 7.30 p.m. the same day, Keung Tai (44), widow, was fined $300 or two months for having three taels of raw opium on her when searched by the Revenue Officers.

Yip Tong (52), unemployed, was mulcted in the sum of $350 (or ten weeks' hard labour) when he admitted possession of 3.5 taels of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station at 1.40 p.m. on April 8.

Revenue Officer D.H. Knox prosecuted in all cases.

Vacancy On Legislative Council

A provisional vacancy on the Legislative Council will shortly occur by reason of the forthcoming departure on leave of the Honourable Maurice Murray Watson.

The vacancy is to be filled by a representative of the unofficial Justices of the Peace, to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

Unofficial Justices of the Peace are invited to submit nominations of one or more of their number to be considered for appointment. In the event of more than one nomination being received an election will be held.

Nominations should be signed by two or more Justices and should bear a certificate by the nominee that he or she assents to nomination. They should be lodged with the Clerk of Councils at the Colonial Secretariat before noon on Saturday, 24th April, 1948.

Opium Divan Sentence

Remanded from last week, Kwong Chung-po (22), unemployed, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour and a fine of $100 (or another two weeks' hard labour) by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was charged with keeping an opium divan at 132 Temple Street, first floor, possession of two opium and five heroin pipes, and possession of 17 heroin pills, on April 1.

Revenue Officer D. H. Knox said that the premises were raided by him at 2.30 p.m. on April 1, and the pipes, five lamps, pills and a small quantity of opium seized.

Accused and four smokers were arrested. The smokers were fined $20 each when they appeared in Court on April 2.

LIFE BANISHEE

Arrested at 9 p.m. on April 7 by Det.-Sgt. 381 at 277 Cheung Sha Wan Road, first floor, on suspicion of being a deportee, Po Hung (27), travelling salesman, was found to have been banished for life on March 10 last.

Charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr yesterday, Po was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended to be re-banished.

Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth said accused had three previous convictions.

NO REAR LIGHT

For having no rear light showing on their motorcars, N. I. Mottan and J. A. Rondon were each fined $10 by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at the Central Magistracy yesterday when they appeared in answer to summonses.

Insp. MacInnes said that defendants were stopped because they had no rear lights.

FANLING TIMES

9.12 E. Bathurst—R. S. Barry
9.32 J. Forbes—L. Jackson
9.36 W. G. Robertson—G. B. S. Thomson
9.44 G. G. D. Carter—E. T. McMullen
9.48 A. E. Lissaman-K. S. Robertson v D. S. Robb-L. Goldman
9.52 W. N. A. Smalley-J. Linaker v J. S. Dunnett-E. L. H. Glennie
9.56 W. S. Vaughan — W. E. Grieve
10.00 C. D. N. Walker — W. H. Lydall
10.04 H. C. Watson—J. B. Kite

TODAY'S SOCCER

The following are today's Soccer fixtures:—

SATURDAY, APR. 10
First Division

Club v South China (Club, 5 p.m.); Ref: J.G. Padley; Linesmen: A. Farmer/Y.T. Leung.

Sing Tao v Chinese A.A. (Club, 3.30 p.m.); Ref: C. Tunstall; Linesmen: J. G. Padley/Y. F. Mak.

Police v Inniaks (Police, 3 p.m.); Ref: A. Brogan; Linesmen: P.P. Li/P.M. Xavier.

K.M. Bus v Buffs (Police, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: J. Ward; Linesmen: P.P. Li/A. Brogan.

Kit Chee v Kwong Wah (Navy, 3 p.m.); Ref: L.G. Young; Linesmen: A.F. Willis/N. Delgado.

St. Joseph's v Navy (Navy, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: A.F. Willis; Linesmen: W. Crawford/N. Delgado.

Eastern v 25th R.A. (C. Hill, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: J. Day; Linesmen: F.A. Barretto/C. Redman.

SUNDAY, APR. 11
Memorial Cup Final

Army v Chinese (Club, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: J. Day; Linesmen: J. Ward/W. Gaffney. (Duration of game 90 minutes, extra 10 minutes each way must be played in event of a draw.)

CRUCIAL BALL GAMES
Wahoos Out For Revenge

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Crucial tilts feature this week's card as the pennant-bound Saints tangle with the Filipinos at 11 in their final game of the season, while the Wahoos meet their last obstacle to the wire when they cross bats with the Wildcats at 3.00 p.m. to-morrow.

Both the Saints and the Green Owls are leading by the narrow margin of a single game—a loss for either team would mean a dead-heat photo-finish. Both Recreio and V.R.C. wind up their season this week with the former taking on Ceebee Wong's South China nine and the V.R.C. figuring in a double-header with the Baseballers in the curtain raiser and the Madcaps in the night-cap.

The Saints have not forgotten Leap Year's Day humiliation when Joey Franco pitched his deadliest slants to an over-confident but eventually bewildered squad.

Stan Leonard, however, will not be taking the same chances again, and will bear down with his run-making machine in top gear right from the first inning.

Jock Brown will be on the mound again for the leaders with Hal Winglee calling the pitches.

On paper the Filipinos are definitely the weaker team, but we've said that before. Fans have a habit of siding with the under-dog, and Joey will have a large following rooting for him this week. We're not saying Joey can't do it, we're just stating that the odds are against him.

The Wahoos will be all out to break up the Wildcat jinx once and for all. Both defeats this year have been caused by the Cats as they put the hex on the Owls, and it is now or never. The Wahoos played good ball in their last outing when they eliminated the Aces from the pennant race. The outcome of this game depends to a large extent on the pitching duel between Terry Noronha the "peepul's choice" after Girlie Gaan and Dolly Brown. Receiving for Owl flinger Terry will be Patsy Ribeiro, whose pegs to second are just as dangerous as her mace mauling, while Effie Babia one time batting queen will catch them for Dolly. If the Wahoos play the same brand of sparkling ball they did at their last turnout, it will take more than the Wildcats to stop them leading the parade.

China's Protest

China's protest alleging that Dale Cramer was in doubt when he called a play in the sixth inning of their International tussle against India, was heard by the Association on Thursday, and was rejected when Dale Cramer who attended confirmed that he was never in doubt. Cramer admitted he did not see all of Bill Woo's arm, as the Chinese first baseman had his back towards him, when the alleged tagging was done, but said he saw Omar (the base-runner) clearly and that Omar evaded Bill Woo by at least six inches.

The Annual Souvenir Dance programme is in the course of preparation and it has been decided to include group photographs of all teams. Managers are, therefore, requested to send a copy of their team's photograph, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. W. Winglee, c/o The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (SC) Ltd., Shell House, before Tuesday.

MEN'S "A" DIVISION
SUNDAY

C.B.A. Ground
11.00 a.m.—Filipinos v. St. Joseph's (Robbins, J. Delgado, Ollie Vas).

Recreio F/Ball Ground
10.00 a.m.—Baseballers v. V.R.C. (Babu Samy, S. Hamet, Buster Hollands).
11.00 a.m.—V.R.C. v. Madcaps. (Doc Molthen, A. Campos, C. Rozario).

Recreio Softball Diamond
11.00 a.m.—South China v. Recreio (Samy, Gus Rozario, C. Yvanovich).

LADIES LEAGUE
SUNDAY

C.B.A. Ground
3.00 p.m.—Wahoos v. Wildcats (W. Lawrence, B. Soares, H. Quon).

MEN'S "B" DIVISION
SATURDAY

C.B.A. Ground
2.30 p.m.—Dare-devils v. Un. Nations. (P. Remedios, H. Winglee, R. Viera).
4.00 p.m.—Josephians v. Rangers (J. Eriksen, Reg. Castro, Anatoly).

Recreio F/Ball Ground
2.30 p.m.—Cosmos v. Blue Beetles (J. Franco, C. Viera, R. Vas).
4.00 p.m.—Wildfires v. Blue Beetles (Les. Castro, S. Wright, S. A. K. Bux).

SUNDAY

C.B.A. Ground
9.30 a.m.—Dare-devils v. Cosmos (Ollie Vas, A. R. Samy, S. S. Bux).

TENNIS TOURNEY

The following are the results of games played yesterday in the Open Tennis Championships:—

Open Doubles

L. Kotewall and F. Zimmern beat Wong Hon-nang and Kwok Hing-chung 6-0, 6-4.

Dr. A. M. Rodrigues and H. A. Noronha beat M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Choy Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing beat Tam King-yee and R. Tay 6-1, 6-2.

Open Singles

Patrick Poon beat N. Ma. 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

R. Sagalen beat Wong Sui-ki 6-3, 6-1.

Schools Football

The following are Sunday Games in the School Football League.

SENIOR

Queen's v La Salle, Sookunpoo 10.00 a.m.
Ref: A. Farmer

JUNIOR

La Salle v Mongkok, Sookunpoo ground 11.30 a.m.
Ref: Dr. Selby

A.C.P.M. v G.V.M.S. Navy No. 1 ground 10.30 a.m.
Ref: Tang Kam

Wah Yan v N.T.C. Navy No. 2 ground 10.30 a.m.
Ref: L. G. Young

Wantsai P.M. v E.K.P.M. Army No. 1 ground 10.30 a.m.
Ref: Tsang King Hong

Yaumati v Wah Yan (K) Police ground 10.30 a.m.
Ref: A. F. Willis

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SENIOR

E. K. A. M. v D. B. S. Police ground 4 p.m.
Ref: J. Ward

Ying Wah v St. Joseph's Club ground 3.00 p.m.
Ref: Au Yeung Sing

JUNIOR

D.B.S. v Ying Wah Police ground 2.30 p.m.
Ref: A. Brogan

Player Of The Season

London, Apr. 8.

Stanley Matthews, the England and Blackpool outside right, has been elected the Player of the Season by a ballot of National newspaper football critics.

Matthews headed the poll by five votes from his Blackpool clubmate, Stanley Mortensen, with Frank Swift, the Manchester City goalkeeper, third.

All three are playing for England against Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday.

At an eve of the Cup final dinner, to be held in London on April 23, Matthews will be presented with a bronze statuette to commemorate his success.—Reuter.

Footballer In Hospital

Cairo, Apr. 8.

A man who gave his name as Jock Sutherland and said he was a well-known professional football coach, is under treatment in a hospital here today for what doctors said is a nervous breakdown.

The patient was found in a dazed condition in a parked motor car.

Sutherland, a native of Scotland, has been coaching the Pittsburgh Steelers, a team in the National Football League.

One doctor said "from what I learned from relatives and others he has just gone through a hard football season. I was told he takes his work seriously and worried a lot about it."—Associated Press.

HOME SOCCER

London, Apr. 8.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

Scottish League: St. Prisen 8 Partick 1.

Third Division (Southern): Newport County 2, Swindon Town 0.

Northampton Town 1 Queens Park Rangers 1.—Reuter.

HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 8.

The following were the results of rugger matches played today:

RUGBY UNION: Swansea 8 Llanelly 5. Weston Supermare 3 Bristol 9. Northampton 11 Bedford 3. Falmouth 0 Redruth 7.

RUGBY LEAGUE: St. Helen's 8 Widnes 9.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 8.

The King and Princess Elizabeth are among those who have contributed £15,000 required to cover the training expenses of Britain's equestrian team for the Olympic Games.—Reuter.

ITALY TO ADMINISTER WHOLE OF TRIESTE

London, Apr. 8.

The big powers' deadlock on the appointment of a Governor of the Adriatic port of Trieste, a principal battleground in the "cold war" between East and West, was the direct cause of the Allied Military Government's decision, announced tonight, to transfer almost all local administration, it was authoritatively stated here.

As from next Monday, British and American flags will be lowered in Trieste and all functions of the municipal government in the Anglo-American Zone will be handed over to local representatives, except those concerned with public safety and order.

The new arrangement does not directly affect the already announced wishes of the British, American and French Governments to hand back the Free Territory as a whole to the Italian Government.

Mr. John Beasley, the Australian High Commissioner in London, has told the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, that the Australian Government feels all 21 signatories of the Italian peace treaty should be consulted on the three-power plan to return Trieste to Italy.

Mr. Beasley's talk with Mr. Bevin on the matter last week was followed today by a statement in Canberra by Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, in which he declared that the proposals of the United States, Britain and France might "prove a final settlement of the Trieste problem, but this is not the way to reach it."

Trieste Statement

The Anglo-American handover to local officials of civil posts in the Trieste Administration on April 12 constitutes only a small change, it was stated in Trieste.

A report that the posts would be given to Italian Government officials is completely unfounded.

Under the new scheme some functions of executive power will pass to local officials, both Italian and Slovene, under the control of the local Government Office of the Allied Military Government.

Yesterday, the Military Government for the Anglo-American Zone decided to eliminate the office of Zone Commissioner and all municipal offices occupied by Allied officers.—Reuter.

BEATEN UP

Joliet, Illinois, Apr. 8.

William A. McCabe, 65-year-old publisher of a weekly newspaper with outspoken political views, was reported to be critically ill today following a beating by two unidentified men.

McCabe's secretary said he had been fighting editorially since 1936 against what he considered the corrupt political regime of his city and county.—Associated Press.

TO OUST FRANCO

Paris, Apr. 8.

Indalecio Prieto, Socialist Spanish Republican leader, said today he was still awaiting an answer from the Spanish monarchists on the possibility of the Republicans and Don Juan's followers joining forces to establish a new anti-Franco Spanish government—United Press.

MENACES CHARGE

Yiu Ping-wah, 26, PC 1356 attached to the Yaumati Police Station, and PC 1370 Lo Hu-chuen (26) of Takuling Police Station, were remanded to 2.15 p.m. on April 22 when they appear before Mr. W.A. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with demanding $30 with menaces from Wan Shun at Woosung Street on March 19.

On the application of Mr. Hinshing Lo, for the first accused, bail in the sums of $2,500 cash and $2,500 surety each was granted by the Magistrate.

Det. Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison, Anti-Corruption Squad, is appearing for the prosecution.

Portuguese Mission Work In China

A joint session of the Sino-British Club and the Portuguese Institute was held in the Club Lusitano last evening. Among those present were Sir Alexander Grantham, and the two Catholic Bishops of Hong Kong and Macao, Bishop Valtorta and Bishop Ramalho.

Father Cronin gave an address dealing with the work of Portuguese Missions in China, and in particular spoke of the life work in China of the French priest Father Ricci.

After referring to the hopes of St. Francis Xavier to establish Missions in China and attempts by the pioneer missionaries, among them Fr. Gaspar da Cruz and Father Belchior Nunes Barotto, S.J., to establish a foothold in China, Father Cronin referred to the Portuguese colony of Macao, which became the centre from which all Mission work in the Far East was directed. He said. "It was not until Father Valignano, became Visitor in the Portuguese Far Eastern Province that the first serious attempt was made to set up a Mission in China.

"The first member of the Macao College to engage seriously in the study of the Chinese language was Father Ruggieri, S.J., who visited China on several occasions on board Portuguese ships. Father Matthew Ricci, S.J., who was given special training, in Rome and then in Lisbon, in mathematics and astronomy, was then instructed to join Father Ruggieri. After reaching Macao, Father Ricci engaged in the study of Chineso for about a year. He was then ready to begin his work in China. A sympathetic Viceroy permitted the priests to live at Shiu Hing, and there they established the first Mission."

Father Cronin added that the priests moved, later, to Shiu Chow, near the Mui Ling Mountains, some 250 miles north of Canton. Further progress northwards followed, and meanwhile Father Ricci was winning friends among the scholars of China, with his knowledge of astronomical science. He was also mastering the Chinese language, and he wrote and published books in Chinese setting forth the principles of the Christian viewpoint. He also published a map of the world which attracted a great deal of attention. Father Cronin paid tribute to the Portuguese, for the help given to the Missions, through the College which was established and maintained at Macao, and for the funds to keep the China and other Missions going. He said under the patronage of Portugal, an international brigade of priests was able to carry on Mission work with the fullest support of the Portuguese.

Fame Spread

The Mission in China was no exception, and the fame of Father Ricci spread. He visited Peking, and eventually met the Emperor Wan Li. How Father Ricci's knowledge helped the Chinese to reform calender, and how in spite of bitter opposition the Emperor accepted Ricci as a friend is well known. At Peking, Ricci wrote several works in Chinese; some of these have become classics, being included in the Chinese Encyclopaedia which Empéror Ch'ien Lung compiled almost two centuries later. These books relate to Astronomy, Georgraphy, and Mathematics; but Ricci did not lose sight of the purpose of his Mission, and his books on the Christian faith won several of the most prominent men in China over to Christianity.

Father Ricci's work in China set a very high standard which was maintained by his successors, but he established the Mission such a firm basis that it was able to withstand the assaults of countless jealousies. It went on from the Ming to the Manchu dynasties, and it was Emperor K'ang Hsi was spoke in such glowing terms of the services rendered by the Jesuits in the Mission in China.

At the conclusion of Father Cronin's address, a short summary of the address in Chinese was given by Prof. Ma Ki-wan.

Eviction Case

After further testimony yesterday, hearing of the application by Ding Gow of 361 Prince Edward Road, for an eviction order against T. T. Kong of 2 and 4 Pau Cheung Street, Hunghom, was adjourned until 10 a.m. on April 13.

The applicant is represented by Mr. P.L. Lam, while Mr. M.A. da Silva is appearing for the opponent.

The proceedings commenced in November last. At an earlier hearing, it was stated that the premises were leased to the Urban Council for a term of five years by the applicant. During the Occupation, the Urban Council were not in possession of the premises, with the result that certain strangers occupied the premises without the consent of the Urban Council. Applicant denied that he let the premises to the opponent.

Ding Loy, brother of the applicant, who had testified on Wednesday, was recalled yesterday for cross-examination.

Lai Mo, contractor, gave evidence to the effect that he had effected repairs to the premises for opponent at MYI,500.

The Tribunal before whom the case is being heard comprises Mr. P. C. Woo (Chairman) Mr. Chan Cuing-yu and Mrs. Ruby Chiang.

New G.S.O.I. For H.K.

Lt-Col. H.T. Alexander, Cameronians, has arrived in Hong Kong to take up the appointment of G.S.O.I. of Headquarters, Land Forces.

Col. Alexander, although a stranger to the Colony, is an old friend of the G.O.C. having been his G.S.O.I. when Major-General Erskine commanded 43 Division in Germany in 1945.

During the war Col. Alexander served as a Brigadier with the famous Chindits in Burma, being awarded the O.B.E. On leaving Burma he went to Europe where he commanded the 2nd Bn. Cameronians and later became G.I. of 43 Division.

Col. Alexander is well known throughout the Army, as a very keen horseman. Before the war he played for the undefeated Jaguar Polo Team in 1937-38 and also during this time spent two months playing polo for a private team in America. For the last eighteen months Col. Alexander has been serving in England and has done a considerable amount of steeplechasing.

Unfortunately, earlier this year, he had a serious fall, when riding in the Warwickshire Hunters Chase at Birmingham, sustaining a broken back and five broken ribs; nevertheless he will be fit to ride again early next month when he hopes to ride in some of the Hong Kong race meetings.

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